

2017



Summer Guide

**REGISTRATION FOR
ALL ACTIVITIES
STARTS TUESDAY,
APRIL 25**



Camp registration at Community Recreation Center • 801 2nd Ave. N. • 727-6099
All other registration at Park and Recreation • 1700 River Drive North • 771-1265

Benefits of Recreation

- Recreation and park services are often the catalyst for tourism, a growing sector of our economy.
- Parks and recreation services motivate business relocation and expansion in our community.
- Meaningful leisure services reduce the high cost of vandalism and criminal activity.
- Leisure opportunities, facilities and the quality of the local environment are the foundations of community pride. Recreating together builds strong families, the foundation of a stronger society.
- Leisure opportunities for youth provide positive lifestyle choices and alternatives to self-destructive behavior.
- Pay now or pay more later! Investment in recreation as a preventative health service makes sense.
- Urban forests and parks create an environment of beauty and are beneficial to our mental health. They attract businesses and tourists, increase property values, and have a positive impact on our environment including modifying local climate and reducing noise pollution.



What Do You Love About Great Falls?

Our beautiful City with parks, flower gardens, tree lined streets, and landscaped areas? Swimming pools, golf courses, tennis courts, the Community Recreation Center, Riverside Rail Yard Skate Park? The amazing River's Edge Trail? Youth and adult activities including softball, basketball, volleyball, summer camps, swimming lessons, park programs, junior and adult golf lessons? Special events including Ice Breaker Road Race, Pet & Doll Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, and Electric City Winter Classic Youth Basketball Tournament? Park and Recreation provides all of these services and more.

The Park and Recreation Department's primary focus is to enhance the overall health and livability of our community. This is the number one goal of Park and Recreation, and we continually strive to provide and improve services, programs, events, and facilities to enhance the health and livability of the community and to provide a park and urban forest system that adds beauty, fitness opportunities, and a wealth of other benefits making Great Falls a livable and beautiful community.

Bring this ad in for \$5 off

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EXP 8-31-17

Your painting party Studio
Ceramic, Canvas & Wood Pallet Signs

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 406-315-4260



Park & Recreation Department FAST FACTS 2017

Total customers served in 2016

- 1,259,671

Park & Recreation Staff

- 25 permanent employees
- 224 temporary, part-time and on-call employees

Divisions

- Administration
- Community Recreation Center
- Golf
- Recreation
- Aquatics
- Forestry
- Parks and River's Edge Trail

Park & Natural Resources

- 775 acres developed land
- 140 acres of undeveloped land
- 300 acres conservation lands
- 57 developed parks
- 9 undeveloped parks
- 1 compost site
- 25 landscaped medians/islands
- 52 miles of Recreational Trails (21 miles paved)
- 36,000 Tree (boulevards/parks/golf)

Facilities

- 53 Facilities

Golf Courses

- Eagle Falls Golf Club 18 hole - 169.87 acres
- Anaconda Hills Golf Course 18 hole - 130 acres
- Rounds played in 2016 - 49,100

Aquatics

- Water Tower Pool and Spray Park - 2016 attendance: 5,705
- Jaycee Pool and Spray Park - 2016 attendance: 4,283
- Electric City Water Park - 2016 attendance: 41,208
- Morony Natatorium Indoor Pool - 2016 attendance: 34,000

Community Recreation Center

- Gym
- Meeting rooms
- Dance studio
- 98,000 served in 2016
- Fitness center
- Day care facility
- Café

Special Events

- Ice Breaker Road Race
- Mom and Me Tennis
- Pet & Doll Parade
- Electric City Winter Classic Youth Basketball Tournament
- Youth Basketball Tournaments
- Lions Family Fun Fest
- Steve's Best Ball Golf Tournament
- Easter Egg Hunt

Skate Park (Riverside Railyard)

- 27,000 square feet

Join us on Facebook:

Great Falls Park and Recreation

Become a Fan – Keep informed on activities and events throughout the Park and Recreation Department.

- Aquatics
- Parks
- Natural Resources
- Golf Courses
- Community Recreation Center



FILL YOUR SUMMER WITH DANCE

KIDS CAMPS

Ages 3-7 • \$75 per camp

Dance, music, crafts and stories.

PRINCE & PRINCESS LAND DANCE CAMP:

June 12-15 • 9:00-11:00am

SPUNKY PIRATES DANCE CAMP:

June 19-22 • 9:00-11:00 am

BROADWAY MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP

June 19-22 • Ages 8 and up

Study of the popular musical **"Hamilton."** Cost \$250
INSTRUCTORS: Shannon Hudson, Emily Merritt, Steve Olson, Sarah Dassinger, Miss Linda, Aubrey Rearden

SUMMER DANCE STUDY

June 26-30 • ages 8 and up

Sign up now to be a part of this intensive week of dance.

LEVELS: Elem-Inter-Advanced • Cost \$350

INSTRUCTORS: Sean McKnight,
Shannon Hudson, Sarah Dassinger
CLASSES: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Musical Theater,
Hip Hop and Modern

SUMMER DANCE LESSONS

June 14-July 21 • ages 8 and up

Learn from our faculty & guests right here in Great Falls.
CLASSES: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Flamenco, Modern

THE STUDIO CENTRE MISS LINDA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

612 1st Ave S • Great Falls, Montana
(406) 761-8876 • thestudiocentregf.com

Park and Recreation Master Plan

The City of Great Falls Park and Recreation Department contracted with PROS Consulting to develop a Master Plan. The Plan provides a clear set of objectives that will provide direction for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Advisory Board, the City Commission and Park and Recreation Department staff for development and enhancement of the City's parks and recreation system for a short-term, mid-term and long term range.

The master plan provides detailed information on:

- Facility assessments
- Qualitative input summary
- Statistically valid survey
- Service level standards
- Needs analysis
- Capital improvements
- Staffing recommendations
- Strategic approach

PROS Consulting worked closely with the general public, City staff, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Advisory Board and the City Commission to develop the Park and Recreation Master Plan. The public meetings, focus groups and survey showed that the Community places a high value on Park and Recreation amenities and services (parks, trails, recreation, urban forest).

The benefits included:

- Makes Great Falls a desirable place to live
- Provides clean/aesthetically pleasing landscaping
- Improves physical health and fitness
- Preserves open space and protects environment
- Helps to attract new residents and businesses
- Positively impacts economic/business development
- Importance of trees and landscaping very high and believe they increase property values

The Master Plan was adopted by the City Commission on November 15, 2016. The Master Plan is available on the City's website: <https://greatfallsmt.net/recreation>.

GET YOUR PLAY ON

**PARK AND RECREATION MONTH
JULY 2017**

NRPA
National Recreation and Park Association

#PlayOnJuly
www.nrpa.org/July

Administration • 771.1265

Patty Rearden, Deputy Director
Lonnie Dalke, Park Supervisor
Jay Rowton, Park Foreman
Todd Seymanski, City Forester
Steffen Janikula, Rivers Edge Trail Coordinator
Cindy Stein, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Sherri Floerchinger, Sr. Account Clerk
Becky Hapka, Sr. Account Clerk

Community Recreation Center • 727.6099

Erica McNamee, Community Recreation Center Supervisor

Morony Natatorium Pool • 452.3733

Electric City Water Park • 454.9008

Jaycee Pool • 727.1080

Water Tower Pool • 761.4320

Marian Permann, Aquatics Supervisor

Eagle Falls • 761.1087

Anaconda Hills Golf Course • 761.8459

Connie Cramer-Caouette, LPGA, Golf Manager
Keith Hollenback, Eagle Falls Maintenance Supervisor
Wade Altschwager, Anaconda Hills Maintenance Supervisor

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Members

George Geise	Erin Madison Granger
June Sprout	Shirley Davis
Lynn Ulmer Oatman	Lonnie Hill
Patrick Carroll	

Golf Advisory Board Members

Mark Johnson	Lori Muzzana
Kelly Gilligan	Jackie Lohman
Roy Aafedt	

Disclaimer

The City of Great Falls programs, services and facilities are available to all citizens regardless of race, color national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. To make an ADA accommodation request, please call 406-741-1265 two weeks prior to an event, program or registration deadline.

SUNDAY



APRIL 23

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS

Registration starts Monday, March 13th at the Park & Recreation Department, 1700 River Drive North. Registration forms available online at www.icebreakergf.com; Scheels and Universal Athletics stores.

REGISTERED RUNNERS IN EACH RACE RECEIVE:

- A long sleeve Ice Breaker t-shirt
Availability and size will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Lunch with a beverage starting at 1:30pm
- Finisher medallion
- An enjoyable running experience!

ENTRY FEES

- \$14** Youth 10 years of age and under
- \$20** Adults and youth 11 years of age and over
- \$58** Family of 4* (not available online)
*Family of 4 includes parent(s) and dependents age 1-18 from same household.
\$12 each add'l youth from the same family/household
- \$2** late registration fee per individual on all entries April 17-23

PRIZES FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Two bicycles donated by Pepsi of Great Falls **\$200 Value**
Spa package donated by Peak Health and Wellness Center **\$180 Value**

2017 EVENT SCHEDULE

- March 13 - April 16** Early bird registration at
Monday - Friday Great Falls Park and Recreation
8am to 5pm 1700 River Dr N
- Saturday, April 15** Early bird registration at
10am to 4pm Scheels/Holiday Village Mall
- April 17 - 21** Late registration* at
Monday - Friday Great Falls Park and Recreation
8am to 5pm 1700 River Dr N
- Saturday, April 22** Late registration* & packet
10am to 6pm pick-up at GF Civic Center
- Sunday, April 23** **RACE DAY!**
8am to 1pm Late registration* & packet
pick-up at GF Civic Center



4pm **AWARDS CEREMONY**



*\$2 Late registration fee assessed per individual on all entries between April 17-23



1700 River Dr North
Great Falls, MT 59401

FOR INFO CALL
406 771.1265

REGISTER ONLINE
www.icebreakergf.com



Electric City Water Park

100 River Drive South | 454-9008 | OPEN FRIDAY, JUNE 9 through TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Protect your children by having active adult supervision when you are around water.

Open:

Sunday-Saturday June 9 – August 29
Labor Day Sept 2 - 4

Schedule

Monday – Sunday 12:00-6:00
(Wednesday open until 8pm)

Wednesday Family Night

Extended hours 6:00-8:00 pm
\$2 discount on Package A only
Excludes August 3 Fair Week

Water Walking – Tuesday - Thursday

Starting July 31 7:00-8:00 am

\$4 per day

Join us at the Lazy River for a physically challenging workout. Walk, jog and sprint your way around the Flow Rider. It's a great way to start your day!

Lap Swim Monday- Thursday

10:00-11:30 am

\$4.00 per day or \$40 per month

General Information:

Minimum height for the water slide is 48". Minimum high temperature for the day is 65 for pool opening.

PACKAGE A

The Ultimate in summer fun, this package includes the 160' Tower Power Plunge, two drop slides, the 50 meter Mitchell Pool, Little Squirt Soak Zone, and the Flow Rider. Boogie Board on the Flow Rider or splash down the 87' long Riptide Slide into the Lazy River. Boards and tubes are included on a first come/first serve basis. Children must be 48" tall to ride the slides.

Youth 3-17 \$10

Adults \$12

PACKAGE B

Cool off in the competition size Mitchell Pool and the Little Squirts Soak Zone.

Youth 3-17 \$3

Adults \$5

Children 2 and under free with paying adult (one child free with each paying adult, \$2.00 for each additional child.)



Wet Your Whistle Pass

10 visits

10% discount on Package A Only

Youth (3-17) \$90

Adult \$108

Screaming Deal

Express Pass

30 visits

25% discount on Package A Only

Spend the summer enjoying the Electric City Water Park including the pools, slides, and Flow Rider. The Express Pass is now available and can be used for groups or individuals. Purchase at the Park and Recreation Office Only.

Youth (3-17) \$225

Adult \$270

Scout Badge Programs

Calling all Boy Scouts! Earn your swimming merit badge and lifesaving merit badge while having Fun! Our certified lifeguards will teach your group about water safety, first aid, swimming and rescue techniques.

Program is approx 1.5 hours in length

Badge Program Package:

\$20 per person (includes full water park pass and Badge Merit Program)

Minimum 10 participants must register as a group.

Reservations must be made 14 days in advance and requires a non refundable group deposit of \$50. Full payment required 7 days prior to program start. For more information call 452-3733.

Pool Rentals

Electric City Water Park

Rent the Water Park for a special birthday or group party. The facility will be exclusively yours for a private party. Lifeguards, boards, tubes and life jackets provided.

Monday-Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm or 8:00-10:00 pm

NO RENTALS ON WEDNESDAY

Rental Fees:

\$750 for entire facility Sunday-Saturday (up to 499 people)

\$500 Flow Rider rental Monday-Friday (up to 400 people)

\$500 Mitchell pool, Kids Splash Zone and water slides Monday-Friday (up to 500 people)



ELECTRIC CITY WATER PARK SPECIAL EVENTS



Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

Father in free with paying family members.

Wednesday, June 21

Summer Solstice Celebration

12:00 noon- 9:26 pm when the sun goes down

\$2 off Package A

Friday, July 7

It's A Ducky Day!

12:00 noon – 6:00 pm

First 100 people in the gate can buy their duck for **\$3**, after that they go up to \$5.00 until gone the race is at the Lazy River!

- Surfing competition
- Beach blanket checkers
- Water Wars
- Duck Race

Prizes to be awarded. Great Day, Great Food and Great Fun!!

Sunday, August 6

Race Montana Triathlon

7:00 am-12:00 noon

to Register go to racemt.com

For more information call 590-5506

Tuesday, August 29

Back to School Bash

Giddy Up Cowboys & Cowgirls

12:00 noon – 6:00 pm

We're set for a ho-down, watch the Electric City Water Park transform into the Wild West!

- wagon races
- roping contest
- quick draw blast

The best BBQ in town. It's an all day celebration and a fantastic way to end your summer. Give aways all day long.

Wednesday, September 6

Drool in the Pool

4:00 -7:00 pm

Fee: **\$5**

Let your pooch enjoy the last days of summer at the ECWP

All dogs are required to have proof of current vaccinations. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

No People allowed in pool.

**Walk in and feel better fast.
7 days a week.**



Monday – Friday

7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday

9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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Medical Building #3 | 1401 25th Street S | www.benefis.org



Natatorium Swimming Pool

111 12th Street North | 452-3733

Pool Size: 25'x75'
Water Temperature: 84-85 degrees
Pool Depth: 3 1/2' to 12'
Drop Slides: 2

Protect your children by having active adult supervision when you are around water.

Open Swim September through June

Saturday's 1:00-5:00 pm

Natatorium pool fees

Youth age 3-17 **\$2.50**
Adults age 18+ **\$3.50**
Children under 3 free with paying adult (one child/adult; **\$1.50** for each additional child)

Natatorium Rentals

September thru June

Rent the pool for a birthday party or a group swim.

The facility is exclusively yours, lifeguards are provided.

Friday 6:00-8:00
Saturday 5:00-7:00 7:00-9:00
Sunday 12:00-2:00 2:00-4:00
4:00-6:00 6:00-8:00

Fee: \$130 for two hours (1 - 50 people)
\$170 for two hours (over 50 people)
\$205 3 pieces of Wibit rental
\$280 Full Wibit rental fee which includes 6 pieces - entrance, deck, ladder, slide, bridge & water pit.

Adult Programs

Aquatic Solutions

Designed for individuals with arthritis, fibromyalgia, Multiple Sclerosis and orthopedic related injuries. Certified instructors teach various water exercises designed to improve and/or maintain quality of life.

April-May

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 & 11:00 am

June-July

Tuesday and Thursday 11:15 am

Fee: \$4/day \$30/month

Lap Swim

Monday-Thursday

April-June 9 6:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:00am
12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

June 13-30 7:00 pm

Fee: \$4/day \$30/month

Water Aerobics

Monday-Thursday

April-June 8 7:00 am, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm

Monday & Wednesday

April-June 8 10:00 am

Monday-Thursday

June 13-July 27 6:15 pm

Fee: \$4/day \$30/month

Junior Lifeguard Workshop

Ages 11 -15. Class offers lifeguarding basics. Participants will need paper, pencil, extra clothes to swim in (long pants and t-shirt) swim suit & towel. After completion of course and volunteering for one shift at the ECWP or 8 hrs at the Morony Natatorium, you will receive a t-shirt and a full day pass to the Electric City Water Park.

Participants only need to attend one class.

June 23 9:00-12:00
July 7 9:00-12:00
July 21 9:00-12:00

Fee: \$10

Lifeguard Certification Course

March 27 - April 17

8:00-5:00

Please call Natatorium Pool for additional Dates and Time

American Red Cross Certification

- Age 15 years & older

YMCA Certification

- Age 16 years & older

Fee: \$175

This class offers complete knowledge and training to be certified as a lifeguard. Lifeguarding is a serious job requiring a great deal of knowledge of water safety and rescue, strong swimming skills and making split second decisions.

Class offers approximately 40 hours of course work and physical training. Applicants must attend all classes to become certified. Certification includes CPR PRO, Oxygen Administration, First Aid and Lifeguarding. This certification allows you to work at any aquatic facility.

\$75 refund on class fees for new certification if you are hired by the City of Great Falls and complete an entire season of work (June through August).

Partial Scholarships are available and are based on HUD guidelines.

For more information about Lifeguard Certification call Bev at 452-3733.

Lifeguard Recertification Course

March & April (call for dates and times)

For those who have already received their certification in lifeguarding and need to update.

Fee: \$75



SWIMMING LESSONS

Natatorium Swimming Pool

Ages 4 & older

Classes offered for beginners to advanced. Instructors are WSI Starfish Aquatic Certified. Monday-Friday for two weeks, with last day of class held at the Electric City Water Park (time to be announced at each class)

Fee: \$45

Polliwog

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth, beginning stroke development with front, side and back float.

Guppy

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth with stroke development with floating, diving, bobbing and treading water. Progression from Polliwog.

Minnow

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth with paddle, breast stroke, side stroke and crawl. Progression from Guppy.

Fish

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth with breast, back, side strokes, butterfly and surface dive. Progression from Minnow.

Flying Fish

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth, crawl, breast, side butterfly and underwater swim. Progression from Fish.

Shark

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth, crawl, breast, sidestroke, butterfly, individual medley and rescue. Progression from Flying Fish.

Porpoise

Emphasis on personal safety. Personal growth, leadership, increasing stroke speed, individual medley, double trundgen crawl and rescue. Progression from Shark.



Polliwog/Guppies

June 12-23

June 26-July 7

July 10-21

July 24-August 4

Times Available

10:00	1:00	2:10	4:00	5:10	(30 min class)
10:00	1:00	2:10	4:00	5:10	(30 min class)
10:00	1:00	2:10	4:00	5:10	(30 min class)
9:00	1:00	2:00	4:00	5:00	(45 minute class)

Minnnows to Porpoise

June 12-23

June 26-July 7

July 10-21

July 24-August 4

Times Available

10:35	1:35	2:45	4:35	5:45	(30 min class)
10:35	1:35	2:45	4:35	5:45	(30 min class)
10:35	1:35	2:45	4:35	5:45	(30 min class)
9:00	1:00	2:00	4:00	5:00	(45 minute class)

SKIPPERS Parent/Child Aquatic Program

Fee: \$6/day or \$45/month

A progression towards developing personal growth, personal safety and rescue skills using songs, games and stunts with an instructor who leads them in guided discovery. Ages 6 month to 4 years depending on comprehension and ability. Parent/guardian participation required in the water.

Times Available

June 12 - July 5	11:15	5:00	Monday & Wednesday
July 10 - Aug 2	11:15	5:00	Monday & Wednesday



Swim Lessons are a Lifelong skill that should never be overlooked.

If your child is 3 years or older and hasn't spent much time in the water or seems afraid to go into the water, it's a good idea to take a parent-child class together prior to signing them up for a regular swim lesson.

Swim lessons for children ages 3 and older are centered on aquatic readiness skills that are geared to the child's age, development level, and individual ability. These classes are grouped by both age and skill level. Beginning preschoolers (children ages 3-5) take classes with other beginning preschoolers and beginning grade-schoolers (children ages 6-8) take classes with other beginners their age. Working in small groups (generally 5 or less), kids learn simple water-safety rules, breath control, and basic arm and leg movements. As child gets older and gains more experience in the water, they will be introduced to more advanced swimming skills.

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Neighborhood Pools

WATER TOWER POOL & JAYCEE POOL | SATURDAY, June 24 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 | 1:00 to 5:45 pm

Protect your children by having active adult supervision when you are around water.

SPRAY PARKS ONLY - **FREE**

June 9 – 23 1:00 – 5:00 pm
August 21 – 29 1:00 – 5:00 pm

JAYCEE POOL

4th Street & 26th Avenue NE 727-1080

WATER TOWER POOL

34th Street & 7th Avenue South 761-4320

Youth 3-17 **\$2.50**
Adults **\$3.50**

Children 2 and under free with paying adult
(one child free with each paying adult,
\$1.50 for each additional child)

General Information: Minimum high temperature for the day is 65 for pool opening. Limited concessions are available. Occupancy 160 pool, 250 deck.

PUNCH CARD AVAILABLE

purchase at the Park and Recreation office

10 time youth pass **\$25**
10 time adult pass **\$35**

Jaycee Pool & Water Tower Pool - Rentals

Rent the pool for a birthday party or group swim. The facility will be exclusively yours for a private party. Lifeguards are provided. Inquire by calling Park and Recreation office, 771-1265.

June 24 – August 20 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Rental Fees: **\$150** up to 50 people
\$200 over 50 people



Summer Swim League - Neighborhood pools

The Park and Recreation Aquatics Division will be sponsoring a competitive summer swim league. The goal of the summer league program is to stimulate an interest in competitive swimming and provide a program where youth may learn leadership, the principle of good sportsmanship, values of physical fitness, team work, establish a love for the sport of swimming and community spirit. You must be able to swim the length of pool continuously without floatation.

Monday – Thursday June 26 – August 11 11:00 to noon
Fee: **\$80**

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Expires October 1, 2017



Summer Camp Programs

Community Recreation Center | 801 2nd Ave. North | 727-6099

Summer Camp Programs

The Community Recreation Center is excited to present a tremendous opportunity for children entering grades K-8.

Full day camps run from 7:30-5:30 Monday-Friday

Activity times are 9:00-3:30

Kiddie Camp

for children entering kindergarten-1st grade

\$115 per week

Rugrats Camp

for children entering Grade 2-3

\$115 per week

Explorer's Camp

for children entering Grade 4-6

\$115 per week

Outdoor Adventure Camp

for children entering Grade 6-8

\$140 per week

How do I register for programs?

- Registration begins on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30am @ the Community Recreation Center, 801 2nd Ave North
- Register on-line at www.greatfallsmt.net
- Registration is on a first come first serve basis
 - Campers can be put on a waiting list if camp is full
- Late registration will be accepted after camp begins
 - Camp will not be prorated
- Campers must be the required age at the start of their camp



Important Information

Scholarships: Scholarships are available and are based on HUD guidelines.

Registration Policy: At time of registration a \$35 non refundable deposit (\$60 for outdoor camp) per camp is required to hold your child's spot. The remaining balance is due 7 days prior to camp starting.

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be given 7 days prior to the start of the camp, \$35 deposit and \$60 deposit for Outdoor camp will not be refunded. Any cancellations less than 7 days will forfeit total amount paid, unless we can fill the opening. Credit will not be given for absences or no-shows.

What Your Child Needs: Please provide your child with a sack lunch, water bottle, snack, sunscreen, bug spray and appropriate clothing for the weather that day.

Summer Adventure Begins at



- HIKE • BIKE • PADDLE
- CLIMB • TRAVEL

- Kayak & SUP Rental, Sales, Lessons
- Expert Backpack & Hiking Boot Fitting
- Clothing, Footwear, & Equipment
 - Cannondale Bicycles



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Kiddie Camp

FEE \$115 per week – **\$35** deposit due at the time of registration

For children entering kindergarten and first grade. We provide a fun and safe environment to your children while encouraging them to learn and explore new things. Please provide your child with the appropriate clothing for the weather, a sack lunch, 2 snacks, water bottle, bug spray and sunscreen.

- June 12-16** **Its not Magic**
Our young campers will make many discoveries through science experiments and activities.
- June 19-23** **Call of the Wild**
This week finds the campers learning all about creatures great and small. Through hands on activities campers will get familiar with the world around us.
- June 26-30** **Xtreme Sports**
Young athletes will experience all types of sports, from baseball to bmx it's going to be a wild ride..
- July 5- 7** **Wild West** (Fee will be \$75 this week)
During this week the campers will play wild west games, learn wild west ways of building and cooking. They will go to a museum and see wild west artifacts.
- July 10-14** **Artsy Fartsy**
Kids will get up close and personal with their artistic side this week through a number of fun and interesting art activities and experiments.
- July 17-21** **Uptown G-Funk**
Our campers will explore some of the many things that make Great Falls Great, from the many parks and working professionals that keep this city going.
- July 24-28** **Down and Dirty**
Sand castles, flubber, finger painting and more, don't wear your good clothes this week, things are going to get messy.
- July 31-Aug. 4** **Toes in the Water**
Plan on your little camper getting wet this week. We will be participating in lots of water play here at the Recreation Center as well as going to the two outdoor neighborhood pools.
- August 7-11** **Young Explores**
Our young explores will go on many hikes in and around Great Falls.
- August 14-18** **Under the Sea**
This is the second week of water play. They will go to the two neighborhood pools and one out of town watering hole.



Rugrats Camp

FEE \$115 per week – **\$35** deposit due at the time of registration

For children entering second through third grade. Hurry in quick because spaces are limited and the fun is guaranteed. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to go on field trips, meet new friends and learn new things. Please provide your child with a sack lunch, water bottle, 2 snacks, bug spray and sunscreen and the appropriate clothing for the weather and activities of that day.

- June 12-16** **Silly Scientists**
These scientists will observe chemical reactions, experiment with gravity and magnets, and discover interesting facts about the world around them
- June 19-23** **Adventure Seekers**
This is a jammed packed adventure week. We will go to the movies, roller skate, swim, explore museums, and more.
- June 26-30** **Sports Adventures**
Campers will get to interact with their peers while participating in a wide variety of sports and games.
- July 5- 7** **Montana Heritage** (Fee will be \$75 this week)
Campers will make root beer floats, enjoy America's favorite past times like baseball and kite flying, and visit historical Montana venues.
- July 10-14** **Invent and Create**
We will invent machines and games, have scientific races, and create beautiful and interesting art.
- July 17-21** **Park Play**
Campers will go to several of the parks in Great Falls. We will play games, have races and much more.
- July 24-28** **Wilderness Fun**
A hiking we will go. This week we will take the kids on two hikes, explore Giant Springs and the First Peoples Buffalo Jump and fish at Wadsworth pond.
- July 31-Aug. 4** **Wet and Wild**
A week of swimming and water play. The campers will go to all three outdoor pools, and visit a local swimming hole located in a natural environment.
- August 7-11** **Hometown Heroes**
Campers will get to explore the Great Falls Community by visiting local places and people that make Great Falls GREAT.
- August 14-18** **Super Swimmers**
Jaycee, Water Tower and Mitchell are all places the campers will play at, not to mention two local, yet natural, recreational sites.

Explorer's Camp

Fee: \$115 per week – \$35 deposit due at the time of registration
For children entering fourth through fifth grade. There are 36 spots available per camp. These camps will divide its time between the Recreation Center and field trips leaving the facility 3-5 times each week. Please provide your child with a sack lunch, water bottle, 2 snacks, bug spray and sunscreen and the appropriate clothing for the weather and activities of that day.

June 12-16 **Scientists**

Children will work together to seek innovative solutions and designs that will sharpen critical thinking and creative problem solving.

June 19-23 **Raiders**

We will seek adventure in as much of Great Falls as we can fit into one week. Parks, movies, roller skating, bowling are just a few of the adventures we will go on.

June 26-30 **Sports Fanatics**

Basketball, baseball, football, tennis, hockey, golf and more! This week the kids will experiment with many different sports, while having fun with competition.

July 5- 7 **Hometown USA** (Fee will be \$75 this week)

BBQ's, Wiffle ball tourney's, root beer floats, and water play just to name a few of the experiences we will have in this week.

July 10-14 **Discover Montana**

The Big Sky State has many things to offer. Fishing, hiking, swimming is just a few of the things we will be doing this week.

July 17-21 **Park and Recreation**

Did you know that Great Falls has 57 parks? We will have a penny carnival, relay races, win it in a minute challenges, and a lot more actives in them.

July 24-28 **Wild Wilderness**

A hiking we will go. This week we will take the kids on two hikes, explore Giant Springs and the First Peoples Buffalo Jump and fish at Wadsworth pond.

July 31-Aug. 4 **Swim I**

Bring your beach towel and swim suit this week because we are getting wet. We will go to the 3 city pools this week and 2 local swimming holes.

August 7-11 **Adventure Challenge**

The kids will be broken up into teams this week and each team will compete in challenges and races. Friday we will celebrate the end of summer and the winners.

August 14-18 **Swim II**

Let's take a plunge. Swim everyday of this week, so bring your swim suit and towel. Campers will visit all 3 city pools and two swimming holes.



Outdoor Adventure Camp

Fee: \$140 per week - \$60 deposit due at the time of registration

For children entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade. There are only 13 spots available per camp. This Fee covers transportation, camp counselors, and all activity fees. These campers can travel as far as 90 miles in any direction and they play hard. They will need to bring a sack lunch, extra snacks, bug spray, sunscreen and a refillable water bottle and wear appropriate clothing for the weather and activities of that day.

June 12-16 **Hiking**

Come enjoy the beauty of Montana by hiking along some of the state's finest lakes and mountain, all while learning the essentials of safe hiking and packing.

June 19-23 **Wilderness Adventures**

Learn how to set up camp, have fire starting competitions and most importantly how to roast the perfect marshmallow.

June 26-30 **Survivor**

Test your skills and smarts against the other campers to see who will survive Montana. Develop elements of survival in shelter, first aid, fire building, and much more.

July 5- 7 **Ghost Town Adventure**

Discover the past of Montana ghost towns by exploring the most well preserved town, Garnett. A fun filled day will be followed by a one night camping trip full of scary stories! The overnight trip will take place on the second day of camp. Feel free to call with any questions, 727-6099.

July 10-14 **Hiking 2**

Join us hiking across Montana and foster skills in appreciating the environment, developing self-esteem, and instilling a spirit of adventure.

July 17-21 **Water Adventure**

Come cool off with us during our water adventure camp. We will swim, Kayak, and fish in some of Montana's most sought after lakes and rivers.

July 24-28 **Outdoor Sports and Recreation**

Find a new niche in some fun outdoor sports that you don't get to try every day. We will try out new sports from throwing horseshoes to archery. So come join the fun, find new adventures and challenge your friends.

July 31-Aug. 4 **Amazing Race**

Compete against your peers to test your knowledge at a variety of skills and obstacle courses. See if you have what it takes to be an amazing race winner.

Sports Camps

Basketball Camp

Girls Basketball Coach for Belt High, Jeff Graham and Chad Getten, GFHS Girls Coach invite you to a basketball camp at the Community Recreation Center. Players will work on agility drills for footwork, basketball terminology and communication, jump stops, form shooting, ball handling, passing, rebounding, setting and reading screens, and properly playing on ball and off ball defense. The last day of camp will have a series of games and relays on the skills learned through the week, competing for prizes. Everybody will be a winner!

Fee: \$60 per player includes t-shirt

Fundamental Skills for Girls

Grade 3 - 6

June 19-22

10:00 - 12:00

Fundamental Skills for Boys

Grade 3 - 6

June 19-22

1:00 - 3:00

Skill Development for Girls and Boys

Grade 6 - 8

July 17-20

1:00 - 3:00



Football Camp

Coach Cramer Caouette invites any young person in grade 3-6 to Montana Park for Football camp. You will learn the basic skills of competitive football, camp will cover footwork, agility drills, blocking, passing, ball security, catching, route running, form tackling (non-contact), and defensive coverage. The last day of camp will be a scrimmage to showcase the skills they have learned. Family and friends are invited to watch. Camp is limited to 40 participants.

Fee: \$60 includes t-shirt

Football Camp

Grades 3 - 6

July 10-13

10:00 - 12:00

Montana Park



12th Annual Blewett Kicking Camp

Teaches the fundamentals of the kicking game in football (field goal kicking, punting, and kick-offs). Soccer and football players are welcome. This is the only camp of its kind in Montana.

Put on by former Great Falls High School Athletes – line up consists of...

- Anders Blewett, kicked for Harvard University
- Drew Blewett, played at Tufts University
- Tyler Bolton kicked for Montana State University
- Trevor Bolton presently kicks for Montana State University

Fee: Free

Where: Paris Gibson Education Center Football Field

Grades 8 - 12

June 21 5:30 - 7:00 pm

June 28 5:30 - 7:00 pm

- Please bring footballs, tees and soccer or low-top cleats if you have them

Pickleball

Pickleball Lessons

Pickleball is traditionally played on a badminton-sized court with special Pickleball paddles made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials. The ball used is similar to a wiffle ball, but slightly smaller. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be accessible to all ages and abilities while still allowing more competitive players to test their mettle.

Register at the Community Recreation Center Age 12+

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$10

Session 1: April 10 & 17

Session 2: May 8 & 15

Monday Night Pickleball League – 4 people round robin separated into division of skill.

Held at Hurd Tennis Courts

Register by June 1

Fee: \$10

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

League nights - June 12, 19, & 26

July 10, 17, & 24



Drop in Pickle ball offered at Community Recreation Center.

What Is Pickle-ball?

A Lively Racket Game for all Ages and Abilities

Pickle-ball® was created with one thing in mind: fun.

It was designed to be easy to learn and play whether you're five, eighty-five or somewhere in between.

Pickle-ball® is traditionally played on a badminton-sized court with special Pickle-ball® paddles, made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials. The ball used is similar to a wiffle ball, but slightly smaller. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, while still allowing more competitive players to test

their mettle. In addition to the modified net and gear, there are several key rules in Pickle-ball® that help make the game more accessible. In tennis, and many net sports, games are often won and lost by the power of the serve. In Pickle-ball®, the ball must bounce once on each side before volleys are allowed. This opens the game to more players and extends play for added fun.

The Community Recreation Center will be adding drop-in pickle ball to the public two Saturdays per month from 9- 11 am

\$3 per individual

April 15, 2017

April 22, 2017

May 6, 2017

May 13, 2017

Art Camp

These classes will be held at 501 River Drive North, Elks Riverside Park, the building near the skate park.

Beginner artist - ages 4-6 **Creative artist - ages 7-12**
Fee: \$40 **Fee: \$60**
When: Monday thru Friday **When: Monday thru Friday**
Time: 10:00-11:30 **Time: 1:00-3:30**

July 10-14 **Multi Media Art**
 We will be trying different art forms combining a variety of mediums to make fun and interesting pieces. We will make both 2D and sculptural projects which makes it a great week to just let loose and explore.

July 17-21 **Drawing and Painting**
 We're going to focus on 2 dimensional art this week. Tips and tricks for both realistic and imaginative styles will be explored. Practice is the key. We give you the tools and you get creative with them.

Chess Wizards Summer Chess Camps!

Keep your brain turned on...with chess, fun and games all summer long!



Join us this Summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle- your brain! Our camps include fun team chess games (like bughouse), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a Chess Wizards T-Shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. Unleash your brain power and spend some of your break time with Chess Wizards!

Fee: \$315
Date: June 19 – 30
 Monday – Friday
Age: 5 - 13
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Where: Community Recreation Center

The World of Game Design

Camper's 4th through 12th Grade will learn from members of Team KAIZEN (www.Team-KAIZENgames.com), Montana's 1st PlayStation Certified Video Game Studio. In this camp, kids will learn about the real life Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math and Career Opportunities provided in the video game industry. Through a combination of hands-on/physical activities and digital activities, they'll see how the Video Game Industry can turn their passion into a career and change them from consumers to producers of content.

Where: Community Recreation Center
Fee: \$60
When: **1st Camp** June 26 - 30
2nd Camp August 14 - 18
Time: 1:30 to 3:30



2017 SUMMER CAMPS

FOR KIDS WHO LOVE **ANIMALS!**



Learn the importance of compassionate animal care through humane education lessons, art activities, guest speakers and fostering a cat for the week (the cat stays at the Center and you provide it with care and love).

COST: \$225 per camper
Family Discount: additional children receive 20% off enrollment (\$160 per child) (visit our website for info about scholarships)

TIME: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (extended care hours are available)

Session 1
Animals & Art
 June 19-23, grades 1-3

Session 2
Animals & Art
 June 26-30, grades 4-6

Session 3
Animals in our Community
 July 10-14, grades 1-3

Session 4
Animals in our Community
 July 17-21, grades 4-6

Session 5
Animal Care & Understanding
 July 31-August 4, grades 1-3

Session 6
Animal Care & Understanding
 August 7-11, grades 4-6

SIGN UP NOW!

900 25th Ave NE | (406) 727-7387
macleananimaladoptioncenter.org

MT-0000385924

Community Recreation Center Offers



Community Recreation Fitness Center

The FITNESS Center at the Community Recreation Center has something for everyone who is looking for physical exercise.

- Free Weights
- Smith Machine
- Heavy Bag
- Speed Bag
- Circuit Equipment
- Treadmills
- Elliptical Machines
- Stairmaster
- Summit Trainer
- Stationary Bikes
- Incumbent Bike
- Steam room
- Sauna
- Dance Studio
- Full Court Gym

Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday.....6:00am-9:00pm
 Friday6:00am-8:00pm
 Saturday9:00am-8:00pm
 Sunday closed

Membership Fees

No initiation fees! No contracts!
 Includes Insanity, PiYo, Zumba & WOD class!
 (noon basketball not included)

Daily Pass **\$5**
 Monthly Pass **\$25**
 3 Month **\$65**
 9 Month **\$120**
 Year Pass **\$225**
 10 time punch card **\$40**

Family Membership \$50

2 adults and 2 children in same household, children 16 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. Must be 11 years old to work out in fitness center.

Dual Membership \$40

Dual membership gives members access to the Community Recreation Fitness Center and the Morony Natatorium lap swim and water aerobic classes.

Insanity Class instructor – Crystal Skinner

Monday 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Saturday 8:30am-9:30am

PiYo Class instructor - April Barber

Monday 6:00am-7:00am
 Wednesday 5:30pm-6:30pm
 Saturday 10:00am-11:00am
 (No Saturday classes from June through August)

WOD – Workout of the Day instructor -April Barber

Monday - Thursday 6:00am-7:00am
 No classes June - August

Zumba instructor – Brooke Wrobel

Tuesday & Thursday 6:15pm-7:15pm

Community Recreation Center Facility Rental

Rentals available for special events

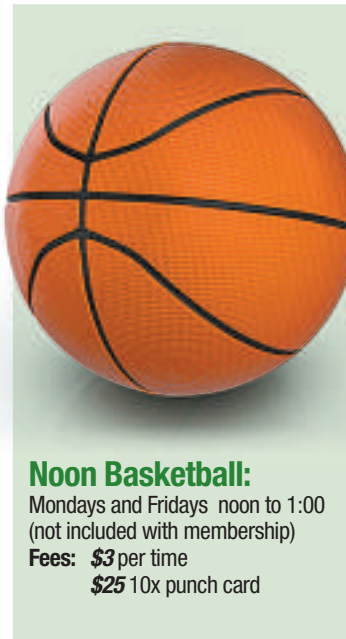
- Meetings
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Whatever the occasion

Meeting Rooms **\$15** per hour
Gym **\$30** per hour *
Mezzanine **\$10** per hour
Dance studio **\$15** per hour
After hours **\$15** per hour

*No food or drink in gym, rooms available for food for an additional fee.

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER OFFERS

- Gym
- Stage
- Fitness Center
- Burger Bunker
- Adult Noon ball
- A Child's World Day Care
- Toastmasters
- Weight Watchers
- Home School PE
- After School Programs
- School's Out Fun Days
- Summer Camps
- Youth Basketball
- Parent/Tot Club
- Zumba Dance



Noon Basketball:

Mondays and Fridays noon to 1:00
 (not included with membership)

Fees: **\$3** per time
\$25 10x punch card

After School Program

The Community Recreation Center offers an after school program. This year we pick up at Lincoln, Lewis and Clark, Riverview, Valleyview, and Whittier. We provide opportunities for physical activity, homework help, and field trips in a fun and safe environment. Childcare starts when the school day ends and we ask that your child be picked up by 5:30. The fee is **\$95** per child per month and there is a **\$15** per family snack fee per month. Some scholarships available based on HUD guidelines.

Schools Out Fun Days 2017-18

When School is out and there is nothing to do, nowhere to go, things are looking blue, come to the Community Recreation Center for tons of fun, we provide an adventure for everyone.

AGES: 5-12
TIME: 7:30 am – 5:30 pm
FEE: **\$25** daily
Dates: October 19 & 20
 December 26, 27, 28, & 29
 March 29 & 30, 2018
 April 2, 2018



Golf Great Falls

Come out and enjoy our two beautiful city golf courses. No matter what your skill level is, we have a course to suit your needs. We offer full services, daily rates, season passes, junior rates, driving range, club rental, motor and pull cart rentals, concessions and lessons. Tee times can be made as early as 2 days in advance by phone or on-line @ Eagle Falls Golf Club or Anaconda Hills Golf Course.

Eagle Falls Golf Club

1025, 25th St., Great Falls, MT
406-761-1078
Connie Cramer-Caouette - LPGA/Manager
Keith Hollenback – GCSAA Greens Superintendent

Are you a golfer looking for a challenge? If you're a player wanting to improve your game, Eagle Falls offers opportunities to play some of golf's most difficult shots as well as specialty shots. Located along the Missouri River, the course has generous sized greens and sculpted bunkers. Lakes, fountains and trees add beauty and strategy for our guests. Golfers can choose their challenge and length of play from four sets of tees ranging from 5,234 to 6,571 yards. The championship par 71 course is well bunkered and finishes with a challenging par 4 eighteenth dogleg right, which requires a well placed tee shot, followed by an accurate approach over water to a heavily bunkered three tiered green.

Anaconda Hills Golf Course

2400 Smelter Ave, Black Eagle, MT
406-761-8459
Connie Cramer-Caouette - LPGA/Manager
Wade Altschwager – GCSAA Greens Superintendent

This 18 hole, par 69 course offers a serene golfing experience for players, as well as a relaxed, casual atmosphere for golfing with friends and family. Located on a bluff above the Missouri River, it features great views of the city, the river and the surrounding mountains. Anaconda was built in the 1920's and the front nine rolls up and down between mature cottonwood and spruce trees offering a traditional parkland atmosphere. The back nine is a links-style design with natural rough, ponds and ravines providing scenic beauty and interest. The 18 holes consist of two par fives, eleven par fours, and five par threes. Enjoy unique golf holes and great wildlife viewing including resident bald eagles, mule deer, hawks and more.

2017 Golf Season Hours

	Accept Tee Times	Course Opens
March 15 – 31	9:30am	10:00am
April 1 – 30	8:30am	9:00am
May 1 – 31	7:30am	8:00am
June 1- Aug 31	6:30am	7:00am
Sept 1- 30	7:30am	8:00am
Oct 1 – 31	9:30am	10:00am

Summer of 17 Girls Golf Program

10 Day Program

June 19-23 and June 26-30 9am – 10:30 am
Anaconda Hills Golf Course

Fee: \$40

Great Falls Park and Recreation Department is once again offering the Girls Golf Program at Anaconda Hills. The program is administered by Connie Cramer Caouette LPGA, golf staff, mentors, and the valued help of some dedicated moms, dads, and knowledgeable golfers who want to share their love of the game.



greeting others. You will learn safety on a golf course and in life. Girls will have the opportunity to invite a friend for the day and make your own sun visors. Daily schedules include game improving activities like snag relays, range practice, and scramble events. Once again, the girls will participate in a

We Empower girls by teaching them a game they can enjoy for a lifetime
We Enrich their lives by expanding their minds and giving them confidence to dream big and accomplish their goals
We Engage the girls with strong female role models and inspire them to make a difference in their communities
We Exercise their minds and bodies and help them realize their true potential
We Energize them with our vitality and enthusiasm by sharing our love for the game. The "Summer of 17" Girls Golf program will include practicing introductions and working to build confidence in meeting and

live face time question and answer session with one of the original LPGA Founders, Shirley Spork. 2016 participants thanked her for her time by sending her a signed and decorated Montana cowboy hat which she wore on TV at the 2017 LPGA Founder's Golf Tournament.

Program is open to girls age 7-17. (Girls under 9 must be accompanied by an adult)
Local women golfers including high school and college golfers willing to volunteer their time and share their love, knowledge, and enthusiasm of golf are encouraged to contact Connie Cramer Caouette 761-8459 or 761-1078.

"First Tee" Junior Golf Program

Monday-Thursday June 12-15 8:00-10:00 or 10:30-12:30

Friday, June 16 - 9 hole tournament 8:30

Lessons @ Anaconda Hills Golf Course 2400 Smelter Ave., Black Eagle

Fee: \$35

The Great Falls City golf courses will again follow basics recommended by the nationwide "First Tee" Junior Golf Program this summer. This program is based on applying golf skills and etiquette to life skills, and is endorsed by the USGA, PGA and LPGA organizations.

Instructors are Connie Cramer Caouette, LPGA Professional, Hans Fehres, Rex Jewett, and Roland Leitheiser.

Young golfers will cover a wide range of golf activities, including etiquette, skills, competitions, games, play on the course, and a scavenger hunt. Topics such as integrity, honesty, and perseverance will be covered on a daily basis to emphasize skills necessary for success not only in the game of golf, but in life.

Friday, the 16th will culminate in a 9 hole golf tournament for both classes at 8:30 a.m.

For your child's safety children must be 9 years old or older. Sorry no exceptions can be made.

For more information call 771-1265.



Girls learn from Wade

Give up your e-mail, we'll give up a round!

Stop by the Great Falls Park and Recreation Department, Eagle Falls, or Anaconda Hills to share your contact information with us. In return, you'll be mailed a post card redeemable for a round of golf at Anaconda Hills. Only "Golf Great Falls" will send occasional informational emails and exclusive offers. We will not share your information.

Want to Play More Golf this Year? Premier Card

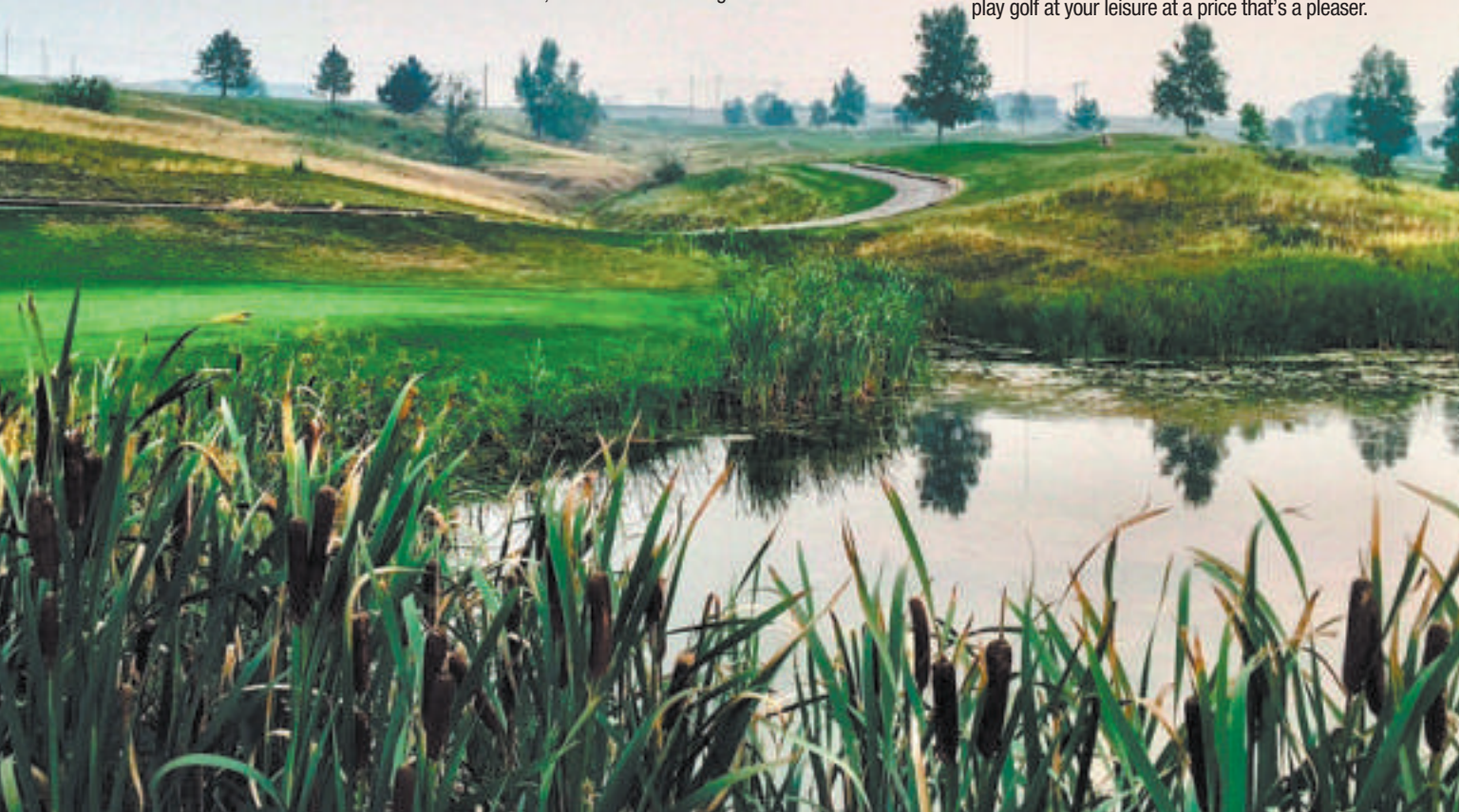
Buy a Premier Card, and play more golf. This will be offered for a limited time, so get a head start on the season. Get up to a 25% discount on green fees, carts, and range balls.

You Pay	Your Premier Card Value
\$150	\$175
\$250	\$300
\$500	\$625

Get yours now! Available for a limited time at Park & Recreation, Anaconda Hills or Eagle Falls.

We don't have Wi-Fi... Disconnect At Anaconda Hills GC

Then take the chance to reconnect by spending some meaningful time with friends and family. Join us at Anaconda Hills Golf Course this season after 1:00 on Saturdays, and Sundays. Play golf at a leisurely and relaxed pace. Call for a tee time, and let us know you'd like to keep your group exclusive. No problem! With advance notice, junior clubs, balls, and tees provided at no charge. Discounted swing time rates will be in effect, so play golf at your leisure at a price that's a pleaser.



2017 Season Golf Rates

	Anaconda Hills Golf Course	Eagle Falls Golf Club	Both Golf Course
SEASON PASS			
Adult Full Season Pass	\$510	\$600	\$700
Adult Restricted Season Pass	\$395	\$480	\$540
Junior Full Season Pass	\$210	\$230	\$255
Junior Restricted Season Pass	\$170	\$180	\$190
GREEN FEES			
18 Hole Green Fee (weekday)	\$26	\$32	
18 Hole Green Fee (weekend)	\$30	\$35	
9 Hole Green Fee (weekday)	\$16	\$19	
9 Hole Green Fee (weekend)	\$18	\$20	
Junior Green Fee (all day weekday)	\$15	\$17	
Junior Green Fee (all day weekend)	\$17	\$18	
GREEN FEE SPECIALS			
Weekday Swing Time 1:00-4:00	\$18	\$21	
Weekend Swing Time 1:00-on	\$21	\$25	
Swing Time Cart Rental (*per person)	\$12*	\$12*	

TRAIL FEE

Daily Trail Fee	\$15
Season Trail Free (good at both courses)	\$300

CART RENTAL

Cart Rental 9 Hole (*per person)	\$10*
Cart Rental 18 Hole (*per person)	\$15*
Annual Cart Pass	\$715

TOURNAMENT

Tournament Reservation Fee	\$5
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- Cart Fees are per rider. Any spectators, or accompanying children will be charged for another seat
- Swing Time available between 1-4 Weekdays and after 2 Weekends
- Junior fee is for those under age 18 at the time of purchase
- Green fees and rain checks are nontransferable between courses
- Non golfing children must be at least 5 years of age before being allowed on the course

Season Pass Terms and Conditions:

2017 Golf Season Passes are valid from March 15 through October 31st. Golf Staff reserves the discretion to close courses for golf cart traffic, maintenance procedures, or hours of operation due to inclement weather. If a course is not available for play, a pass holder who has purchased a single course season pass to the closed course does not receive the privilege to play the other course at no charge. Rainchecks will be given and redeemed from the course at which the green fee was purchased for the following reasons:

1. Dangerous situations such as lightning
2. Course closes for play due to unplayable situations such as snow or heavy rains

Footgolf

Anaconda Hills Golf Course

Footgolf is a combination of the popular sports of soccer and golf. It is played with a regulation #5 soccer ball at a golf facility on shortened holes. There will be 18 holes of footgolf offered on the front 9 only. The rules largely correspond to the rules of golf. This sport has gained in popularity worldwide and more recently here in the United States. Come join us as we try out this new activity here in Great Falls. For more information or to set up a tee time call Anaconda Hills Golf Course (406-761-8459).

Fees:

1. Adult 18 holes: **\$8**
2. Junior 18 holes: **\$5** (17 and under)
3. Fee is good for all day.
4. A limited number of balls are available to use.
5. Tee times can be made 24 hours in advance. Please identify as footgolf.
6. Golf Passes are not valid for footgolf.



Disc Golf

Two Courses in Great Falls

Disc Golf, also known as Frisbee Golf or Folf, is Disc Golf is becoming a favorite pastime for people of all ages across the country. Here in Great Falls our Parks and Recreation is ahead of the curve, offering two complete courses which are open to the public at no charge. The Warden Park Disc Golf Course, located at 201 13th Ave South, boasts 18 holes and state-of-the-art equipment. This course is designed for players of all skill levels. The West Bank Course is located at 1600 4th Ave NE and features nine holes beautifully positioned along the majestic Missouri River. The Rivers Edge Trail conveniently connects the two courses, allowing you to enjoy a full round of 27 holes and views of Great Falls from every angle.







Learn to climb this summer

Summer Camps 2017

Ages 6 - 12
 \$160 per camp (Members \$130)
 Limited Space available. Call to reserve.

Dates:
 July 10-14, July 24-28,
 Aug 7-11, Aug 21-25

9:00AM-NOON

Student Summer Memberships

For Ages 12 and up

\$100 unlimited climbing and rentals all summer long

*Camps include rental gear, a t-shirt, snacks and experienced climbing staff.

hilineclimbingcenter.com
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The Hi-Line Climbing Center
608 1st Ave South, Great Falls MT

(406) 315-1613



Summer Tennis Events



ALL INTENSIVE TENNIS CAMP*

June 5 – June 9, 4-6pm
Beginning /Advanced Beginning
Deadline May 31
Cost: **\$65**

INTERMEDIATE 2-DAY TUNEUP*

June 5 – 6, 6pm-8pm
Open to Intermediate level adults & juniors
Deadline May 31
Cost: **\$40**

ADULT'S "BIG LEAGUERS"*

Tennis Lesson & Competition Program
June 19 – July 31 (no class 7/3)
Monday Nights - 6pm-8pm
1 Hour Lesson, 1 Hour Competition
Open to Beginning & Intermediate adults & teens
Deadline June 12
Cost: **\$65**

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS WHITE & BLUE LEVELS*

For Intermediate & Advanced Players
Tennis Lesson & Competition Program
June 27 – Aug 1 (no class 7/4)
Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
1 Hour Lesson, 1 Hour Competition
Open to juniors 18 and under
Deadline June 20
Cost: **\$65**

NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS LEAGUE RED, WHITE & BLUE LEVELS*

Beginning, Intermediate, & Advanced
Summer Program – Lessons and Play
June 19 – July 21
Lessons- Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday, Play on Friday morning
Open to ages 7-18
Deadline June 12
Cost: **\$65**

ONE DAY ALL INTENSIVE CLINIC*

July 15, 9am – 12pm
Deadline July 12
Cost: **\$35**

NATIONAL JUNIOR TENNIS LEAGUE FALL PROGRAM*

Sept. 7 – Oct. 5
Thursdays
Open to ages 7-18, Beginning & Intermediate Levels
Deadline August 31
Cost: **\$65**

GREAT FALLS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

September 23-24, 2017
Deadline September 14
Adult and Junior Events
Entries will be available at the Park & Rec Office and at MLCC Tennis Shop, or call Bonnie

Mom & Me Tennis

Saturday June 17, 11 am - 2 pm
Hurd Tennis Court/Elks' Riverside Park
500 River Drive North

Have fun and learn the fundamentals of tennis. People of all ages are welcome! Following the USTA Quick Start program, instructors and volunteers will introduce our young participants to the game of tennis and teach them the basic strokes. Adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. Tennis racquets and balls will be provided.

Mom & Me Tennis is presented by Benefis Spirit of Women program, Great Falls Tennis Association and Great Falls Community Recreation Center. In the event of rain, the event will move to the Great Falls Community Rec Center, 801 2nd Avenue North.

RSVP by calling 455-5545

For more information- call Bonnie at 453-2827 or 868-7527(cell). *Advanced registration is required to adequately staff the program. Late registration is possible for a \$5.00 late fee, and as long as the minimum number of participants has been reached to run the program.

Summer's better with...



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of great falls

Great Falls Pepsi works with our
Parks & Recreation department to
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Great Falls Symphony's 58th Season
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with Megan Karls, Violin, &
Maria Ritzenthaler, Viola
 Saturday, April 1, 7:30 pm
 Mansfield Theater
 Tickets at the Mansfield Box Office 406-455-8514
<https://ticketing.greatfallsmt.net>

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Giant Springs Big Game Banquet
 Saturday, April 1
 Doors 5:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.
 Mansfield Convention Center
 Call 406-899-7593



Great Falls Community Concert's 87th Season!
A Band Called Honalee
 Monday, April 3, 7:30 pm
 Mansfield Theater
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Broadway in Great Falls
Hal Holbrook in "Mark Twain Tonight"
 Friday, April 7, 7:30 pm
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Faith Center Church
Easter Services
 Sunday, April 16, 9am and 11am
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Sinfonia & Great Falls Youth Orchestra
Auditions
 Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20
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<http://gfsymphony.org/youth-orchestra>

Ice Breaker Road Race
 Pre-register Saturday, April 22
 Race on Sunday, April 23
 Mansfield Convention Center
 For more information, see page 5

Lewis & Clark Trail Mixer
 Tuesday, April 25, 5:00pm
 Mansfield Convention Center
 Call 406-791-7732
<http://www.lewisandclarkfoundation.org>

Central Catholic High School
Annual Celebration & Fundraiser
 Saturday, April 29, 5:30pm
 Mansfield Convention Center
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Great Falls Community Concert's 87th Season!
America's Roots of Pop
Featuring The Dave Bennett Quartet
 Thursday, May 4, 7:30 pm
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"Celebrating Gordon: A Farewell Gala"
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Ensembles & Guests
 Saturday, May 6, 7:30 pm
 Mansfield Theater
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Broadway in Great Falls
"The Illusionists"
 Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 pm
 Mansfield Theater
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Benefis Health Systems Foundation
Mayfaire
 Saturday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
 Mansfield Convention Center
 Call 455-5840

Grizzly Scholarship Banquet
 Tuesday, May 16th 5:00pm
 Mansfield Convention Center
 Call 406-899-0874

Miss Linda Productions presents
"Where in the World"
 Saturday, May 20, 7:00pm
 Mansfield Theater
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Great Falls Tribune Presents
Beer & Gear Festival
Free Outdoor Expo:
 Friday, June 9, 3 – 8 pm &
 Saturday, June 10, 8 am – 9 pm
 Whittier Park and Mansfield Convention Center
Free Movie Night: A River Runs Through It
 Friday, June 9, 7:30 pm
 Mansfield Theater
 Free with admission to the Outdoor Expo
Micro Beer Fest:
 Saturday, June 10, 3 – 9 pm
 Whittier Park and Mansfield Convention Center

Lewis and Clark Festival
Blue Grass in the Park
 Friday, June 16, gates at 5:00 pm
 Gibson Park
 Tickets at the Mansfield Box Office 406-455-8514
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Great Falls Municipal Band
A Summer Patriotic Revue
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 Mansfield Convention Center, Use Door "C"
 Great Falls Civic Center
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The Great Falls Municipal Band provides entertaining concerts every Wednesday at 7:30pm. June 15 - August 16th, Gibson Park band shell. This is an enjoyable experience for all ages. Restrooms are available. For more information call: 231-4770



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Upcoming Activities

Adult Volleyball	September – November (register in August)
Adult Basketball	Fall League — September - November (register in August)
City League Basketball	January – March (register in November)
Electric City Winter Classic	Youth Basketball tournament — (register in November) tournament 1st weekend of January
Electric City Challenges	Youth Basketball tournaments — January - March
Adult Softball	April – August (register in March)
Indoor Golf Lessons	March - April (registration starts January)

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Brandy Stahmer – 564-7695

Riverside Little League
7th Street NE & 36th Avenue NE
Chris Kidd – 808-358-0861
www.riversidelittleleague.com
Brandy Stahmer – 564-7695

American Little League
38th Street & 8th Avenue North
LeAnne Svir - 899-7072 or 799-2460
www.gfall.org

Westside Little League
Ferguson Drive & Fox Farm
Bryan Nicholls - 788-0617
www.greatfallsbaseball.com

Malmstrom Little League
Tom Kiernan - 731-4634
www.341fss.com/ysports

Montana Rush Soccer Club
231-6333 www.gfsoccer.org

Siebel Soccer Park
57th Street & 2nd Avenue North
Contact – Montana Rush Soccer Club - 231-6333

AYSO Great Falls Soccer (summer)
Kim Bodily - 315-2763

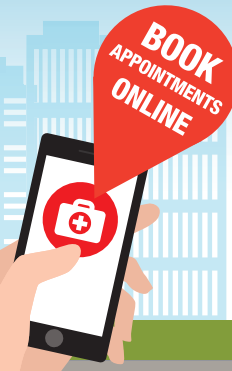
Great Falls Youth Girls Volleyball (10-18yrs)
www.GFVBC.org

Great Falls Ice Plex
4001 29th St SW – 866-0247
www.gf-ice.org

Adult Volleyball
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Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday

6:00-8:00 or 8:00-10:00

Mitchell Pool — **\$500/2 hours**

Jaycee or Water Tower Swimming Pools

Sunday-Saturday

6:00-8:00

\$150/2 hours

Includes splash park

Natatorium Pool

Not available for rental in July/August

Friday

Times vary

Saturday

5:00-7:00 or 7:00-9:00

Sunday

12:00-2:00 or 2:00-4:00

4:00-6:00 or 6:00-8:00

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WIBIT is a water play feature that consists of six climbing components set up in the pool.

Community Recreation Center

Dance Studio — **\$15/hour**

Meeting Room — **\$15/hour**

Gym — **\$30-\$50/hour**

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8th Annual
Lions Family FunFest
Saturday, July 8 • 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

One of the highlights of summer is Lions Family FunFest, a family oriented festival hosted by the Great Falls Lions Club and Park and Recreation. The 9th Annual FunFest is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Lions Park located at 10th Avenue South and 27th Street.

Planning is underway to bring the community and surrounding area a day filled with fun, food, warm weather, entertainment, and celebration. The event is FREE to all participants thanks to the generosity of all three of the Lions Clubs in Great Falls (Great Falls Lions Club, Sunrise Lions Club and Electric City Lions Club) and numerous local donors.

If you have enjoyed the Lions FunFest in the past, you will see new additions to the games and activities for the kids! Each year the FunFest gets bigger and better! Enjoy great music and the sound of laughter, participate in an array of games, try the jolly jumpers and enjoy the food (nominal fee) while taking a break. There will be prizes for the games and drawings for bikes and sporting equipment to keep kids active all summer. Expect a visit from Louie the Lion and enjoy the large playground, unique climbing boulder and a crazy

Lion drinking fountain; all made possible by the Great Falls Lions Club!

Gather up the family and head to Lions Park for Lions Family FunFest on July 8, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – a great way to spend a summer day! For more information call the Park and Recreation Office at 771-1265.



11th Annual
Race Montana Triathlon



Location: Electric City Water Park in Great Falls

Date: Sunday, August 6

Packet Pick-up: Saturday, August 5 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm
 Foot and Ankle Clinic of Montana

Evergreen Square - 1301 11th Ave. South, Suite 6

Adult Race Starts @ 7:00 am - Individual and Relay Teams

Olympic Distance Triathlon:

500 meter swim / 24.4 mile bike / 6.2 mile run

Sprint Distance Triathlon:

500 meter swim / 12.2 mile bike / 3.1 mile run

Youth Long Course Race (14 and under)

Starts @ 9:00 am

100 meter swim / 3 mile bike / 1.0 mile run

Youth Short Course Race (14 and under)

Starts @ 9:30 am

50 meter swim / 1 mile bike / 0.5 mile run

Top male and female adult finishers receive \$400 in prizes.

Top three finishers in all age categories receive an awesome award.

Portion of the race proceeds go to:

The Rivers Edge Trail, Gibson Park Lighting Project, The Morony Natatorium
 Go to www.racemtri.com for complete details.

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Multi Sports Complex

Community partners have collaborated with Park and Recreation to raise funds for Multi Sports Complex facility improvements.

With the support from the softball community, the Confero Sports Foundation dedicated their annual fundraiser Confero Sports Foundation Mixer to support much needed improvements to the complex in order to make a substantial impact for the Great Falls community. The Multi Sports Complex serves as a recreational facility for youth, high school, college and adult softball programs and is a catalyst for bringing softball tournaments to town, having a significant economic impact for Great Falls. With their fundraising efforts, Confero contributed \$13,850 to the project. Combined with revenue from Multi Sports, we were able to replace and improve the backstop and dugouts on Field #1. Total cost of the project was \$35,000.

Other Great News! The Great Falls School District committed funds for the backstop and dugouts on Field #3; this will be completed this spring.

In addition! The Confero Sports Foundation Mixer is expected to benefit the sports complex again in 2017. The Mixer is scheduled for Thursday, May 11 and includes food (included with ticket), beverages, live music, 50/50 drawings and a silent auction. It is a fun evening and a great way to support the softball complex. Watch for further details.

The Great Falls School District will host the Girls State High School softball Tournament on May 25, 26, and 27. Contact Park and Recreation for information on all tournaments held at Multi Sports or if you are interest in hosting your own tournament this summer.



ASA Adult League Softball

Register teams now through April 21 at the Park & Recreation

Leagues Available:

- Men's • Men's Double Headers • Women's
- Coed • Youth Girls

Fees:

\$475 per team due when registering

\$250 player fee due when picking up schedules

\$450 player fee - double headers

Teams play 10 league games starting in May

District play and state qualifiers follow regular league play

Softball Tournaments

To host a tournament, contact the Park & Recreation Office

- Weekends available for tournament play

Softball program is organized by Park & Recreation



Special event coming this summer...

Join us in Gibson Park for a special outdoor movie event

Dates and movie feature to be announced this summer.

River's Edge Trail Explore Great Falls!



Experience the Trail

River's Edge Trail offers an unparalleled outdoor experience to residents and visitors of Great Falls. Fifty-two miles of trail along both sides of the historic Missouri River provide spectacular views of parks, the river canyon, hydroelectric dams, reservoirs, waterfalls and the prairie. Waterfowl and other wildlife abound. Rest areas are plentiful and locales of interest, such as Giant Springs State Park and State Fish Hatchery and the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, dot the way.

The award winning River's Edge Trail is Montana's premier urban trail network and offers the perfect setting for walking, biking, skating or jogging. Along the trail you will find many opportunities for sight-seeing, picnicking, bird watching, fishing and retracing the steps of Lewis and Clark. Extensive paved urban trails link with parks, museums, waterfalls, dining options, riverfront attractions and downtown Great Falls. Numerous trailheads provide convenient access to the trail on both sides of the river. Trailside art, benches, picnic tables, shelters, rest rooms, and mileage markers all enhance the trail experience. You can look down at Great Falls through a free telescope at the Warden Park Gazebo or gaze up a historic waterfall from Black Eagle Memorial Island.

Enjoy the new Sun River connector trail across 10th Avenue South and meandering through Sun River Meadows Park. Construction was completed this summer and created a much safer and separated concrete bike and pedestrian sidewalk over Warden Bridge and connects via 6th Street bike route to Garden Home Park.

Urban Trails

Paved urban trails make up about one third of the 52-miles of River's Edge Trail and include a 3.5 mile loop along the Missouri River in the heart of the city which passes through West Bank, Elks Riverside Parks, and the Dog and Skate Parks. There is also a wonderful 2.1 mile loop through Giant Springs State Park. The loop links together the springs, state fish hatchery, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, the FWP Regional Headquarters and Heritage Picnic area. The loop has numerous restroom stops and scenic views along the river. Explore the new Sun River Meadows connector trail, a new, safer, separated trail across the 10th Ave. South Bridge to Fox Farm.

Experience Secluded Single Track East of Town

The single track trails located on both sides of the Missouri River east of Great Falls are one of Montana's top mountain biking destinations and a favorite of hikers, bikers and trail runners. Please do not use these trails when the ground is wet.

The North Shore single track trail, which runs between Rainbow Dam and Morony Dam, hugs the rugged canyon walls, winds through native bluffs and coulees and offers stunning views of the reservoirs, cliffs, and surrounding mountains.

The South Shore single track trail, runs along the reservoirs from Crooked Falls past the scenic Ryan Dam overlook to the Box Elder Creek canyon, and offers a variety of routes for different skill levels. The most technical trails, known as "Mayhem" and "Chaos", are located closest to the river.

Pick up a 2017 Trail Map and Start Your FREE Adventure Now

Stop in at the Park & Recreation Department on 1700 River Drive N. and pick up your free full color fold-up map of urban and rural River's Edge Trail. Maps are also available at the Bighorn Outdoor Specialists, some trailhead kiosks, and other outdoor equipment stores. You can also view and download the map at <http://thetrail.flywheelsites.com/map/>. Got cabin fever? Have friends and family coming? Get your map and go discover your favorite stretch of River's Edge Trail.

See New Interpretive Panels

Local and state Conservation Districts funded 7 panels along the trail which provide information on wetlands, shore and water birds, habitat, local floods, early railroads, aquatic invaders and the role of Conservation Districts. These join 20 other panels along the trail, island and river overlooks.

Learn about Trail's history and how you can get involved

River's Edge Trail is managed and maintained by the Great Falls Park & Recreation Department and Montana State Parks, with support from the River's Edge Trail Foundation. If you would like to know more about the 27-year history of River's Edge Trail, current and upcoming trail projects and how you can help make them happen, visit www.thetrail.org



Luminaria Walk

Saturday, June 17th • 7 pm – 11pm

The River's Edge Trail Luminaria Walk will return on Saturday, June 17th. One thousand hand decorated paper bags filled with sand and tea lights will line the trail on the one-mile stretch from Gibson Park to West Bank Park, over the 1st Avenue North Bridge. River's Edge Trail volunteers brought the event back last year to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the trail and due to the popularity we are continuing the walk again this year.

From 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm people can stroll the trail listening to music and support local vendors. The River's Edge Trail Foundation Board members continue to improve the 52 mile long trail with private funds and grants. The trail follows both banks of the Missouri past five dams and reservoirs and four natural waterfalls. Along with the 19 trailheads, 15 bridges, 6 tunnels and 13 underpasses, new projects are always on the horizon.

Children and adults are welcome to color bags, assist in filling sand in the bags, provide music along the trail, or sell snacks on the one mile stretch on June 17th. If you would like to be involved or volunteer, please contact Becky Nelson at beckynmt@gmail.com or call 406-899-8642.



For updates on the Luminaria Walk and other events check out the River's Edge Trail Foundation website: www.thetrail.org

23rd Annual

Kids Fishing Day

Saturday, June 10 • 9:00 - Noon • Wadsworth Park
For further information call 454-5840

Since 1995, thousands of youngsters and adults have taken part in Great Falls Annual Fishing Day for kids. A few of them catch fish, while everyone learns something at the educational events. Our goal is to familiarize youngsters with the basic elements of fishing; including types of tackle, casting, fly-tying, fish identification, safety and fishing ethics.

Each year, the Great Falls Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited provides 1,000 free fishing rod and reel combinations or tackle boxes. Those who attend a series of educational presentations will receive fishing gear. Others who support the event through donations, time and materials include Missouri River Fly Fishers, Great Falls Cross Country Club, Great Falls Public Schools, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, US Forest Service and Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Wadsworth Pond is located at Wadsworth Park on the west side of Great Falls. Take Central Avenue West to 34th Street NW, turn on Wilkinson Lane and follow the signs to the pond.



Attention Water Craft Users



Broadwater Bay is open April through October from dawn to dusk. Docking and picnic facilities are available. No rentals are available. Absolutely no swimming/diving off docks. As a result of past problems and enforcement, the Park and Recreation department hired Park Monitors for the Broadwater Bay area. These individuals are responsible for:

- Insuring that the area is used by water craft only;
- Monitoring parking and safety of users;
- Provide assistance to water craft users as needed;
- Keeping the area clean of litter and garbage; cleaning restrooms as needed.

The Park Monitor has the authority to contact law enforcement if park rules are not followed or problems occur.

To cover the costs of personnel we have implemented a launch fee of \$3 per day per water craft or \$35 per season per water craft which would be from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Seasonal launch passes will be available at the Broadwater Bay daily or at the Park and Recreation Department.

Peoples Park and Recreation Foundation

Purpose

The Foundation was established to raise, distribute and assist in the management of public and private sector funds to provide the "extra margin" for Superior Parks, Exemplary Performance Venues and Thriving Recreational Opportunities for the people of Great Falls.

Great Falls has a long legacy for their great parks and recreation. The Peoples Park and Recreation Foundation was set up to provide for additional funding, through donations to help insure that legacy. The foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. All donations to the Foundation are tax-deductable. Since 2008, the PP&RF has raised over \$539,000 for various projects that have directly benefited the City of Great Falls.



Projects have included:

- The Annual 4th of July fireworks celebration
- The Natatorium swimming pool rehabilitation fund
- Lions Fun Fest annual celebration
- Lion Drinking Fountain for Lions Park
- Swimming lesson scholarships
- West Bank Park improvements
- Mansfield Theatre seating improvements
- Tree Replacement fund
- Shade Sails at the Gibson Park Band Shell

Funding Opportunities

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation to the Peoples Park & Recreation Foundation contact Keith Teske, Chairman at 406-453-4377; or mail you contribution to:

PP & RF
P. O. Box 2106
Great Falls, MT 59403

Park Division Highlights for 2016

The Park and Recreation Department is committed to offering a rewarding experience...every day, and providing innovative programs and amenities to enhance the environment and encourage a healthy lifestyle

There were many developments, improvements and events that happened within our parks, recreation and trails system during 2016.

PROS Consulting was hired to develop a Master Plan for Parks & Recreation. The planning process for the Master Plan was completed with City of Great Falls staff and included:

- The collection and analysis of available relevant information;
- Data analysis to determine inventory and condition of current facilities;
- Determination of supply and demand within the community;
- Recommendation for meeting the needs of the community through an analysis of improved programs and facilities;

The data collected from the staff and onsite facility assessments allowed the consulting team to identify key factors, issues, and concerns regarding the park and recreation system and how the Great Falls Park & Recreation Department manages operations.

This plan was adopted by the City of Great Falls in January of 2017.

Special events are hosted by Park and Recreation such as the Ice Breaker Road Race in April, the Lewis & Clark Festival in June, the Lion's Family Fun Fest in July to mention a few. For the first time ever we hosted a movie in Gibson Park, drawing a huge audience on a beautiful summer evening.

The School District provided a food truck in various parks throughout the summer, providing lunches for those in need during June, July and August, the Community Recreation Center and Get Fit Great Falls worked together to offer healthy activities and games in coordination with the Food Trucks.

You will notice new features in many of our parks;

- Check out West Bank Park where construction has been going on most of last summer providing a new restroom facility, new ADA concrete sidewalks that connect to the new River's Edge Trail section along with the completed parking

lot and new style of park identification sign. The construction will continue in the spring with landscaping, irrigation, tree planting and turf seeding.

- Replacement of the boat ramp at Broadwater Bay.
- A new look in Gibson Park with the installation of a sunshade.
- Painted the bandshell for a fresh new look.
- Installation of a new play structure in Chowen Springs park.
- The Corp of Discovery Memorial Wall around the Lewis & Clark statue in Overlook Park.
- A new bike and trail path through Sun River Meadows.

Great Falls boasts 57 developed parks and 52 miles of recreational trails. Our beautiful parks offer a variety of amenities and great playgrounds as well as plenty of open space, trees and wildlife activity. We welcome everyone to come out and enjoy our parks and trails whether you want to recreate, play, explore, have a picnic, or just relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Once again the Park and Recreation staff is very appreciative and thankful to all who have donated to the Parks and Trails whether it is through donations, volunteering, sponsorships or grants, the good things that happen from your generosity helps to create a more vibrant community every day.

Park Facility Reservation

Reservations are available for picnic shelters and open space areas at reasonable rental fees. For more information call 771-1265

Elks Riverside

River Drive, west of 10th Street Bridge (shelter & restroom available)

Gibson

1st Avenue North & Park Drive (band shell, flower garden, restroom available)

Lions

10th Avenue South and 27th Street (shelter & restrooms available)

Memorial

2nd Avenue North and 19th Street (shelter, no restrooms)

Oddfellows

River Drive between Broadwater Bay & Warden Bridge (shelter, restrooms available)

West Bank

West bank of the Missouri, east of the Central Avenue bridge (shelter, new restroom/vault restroom available)

West Kiwanis

1st Avenue NW & 9th Street (shelter, restrooms available)



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Pruning Mature Trees

Understand the pruning needs of mature trees and the proper pruning techniques for their care.

Pruning is the most common tree maintenance procedure. Although forest trees grow quite well with only nature's pruning, landscape trees require a higher level of care to maintain their structural integrity and aesthetics. Pruning must be done with an understanding of tree biology. Improper pruning can create lasting damage or even shorten the tree's life.

Reasons for Pruning

Because each cut has the potential to change the growth of the tree, no branch should be removed without a reason. Common reasons for pruning are to remove dead branches, to improve form, and to reduce risk. Trees may also be pruned to increase light and air penetration to the inside of the tree's crown or to the landscape below. In most cases, mature trees are pruned as corrective or preventive measures.

Routine thinning does not necessarily improve the health of a tree. Trees produce a dense crown of leaves to manufacture the sugar used as energy for growth and development. Removal of foliage through pruning can reduce growth and stored energy reserves. Heavy pruning can be a significant health stress for the tree.

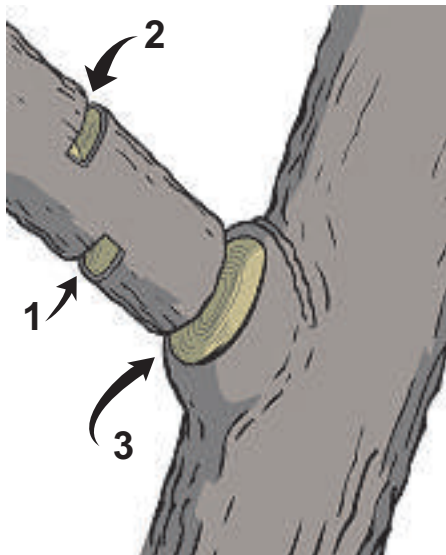
There are many outside considerations, however, that make it necessary to prune trees. Safety, clearance, and compatibility with other components of a landscape are all major concerns. Proper pruning, with an understanding of tree biology, can maintain good tree health and structure while enhancing the aesthetic and economic values of our landscapes.

When to Prune

Most routine pruning to remove weak, diseased, or dead limbs can be accomplished at any time during the year with little effect on the tree. As a rule, growth and wound closure are maximized if pruning takes place before the spring growth flush. Some trees, such as maples and birches, tend to "bleed" if pruned early in the spring. It may be unsightly, but it is of little consequence to the tree.

A few tree diseases, such as oak wilt, can be spread when pruning wounds provide access to pathogens (disease-causing agents). Susceptible trees should not be pruned during active transmission periods.

Heavy pruning of live tissue just after the spring growth flush should be avoided, especially on weak trees. At that time, trees have just expended a great deal of energy to produce foliage and early shoot growth. Removal of a large percentage of foliage at that time can stress the tree.



Making Proper Pruning Cuts

Pruning cuts should be made just outside the branch collar. The branch collar contains trunk or parent branch tissue and should not be damaged or removed. If the trunk collar has grown out on a dead limb to be removed, make the cut just beyond the collar. Do not cut the collar.

If a large limb is to be removed, its weight should first be reduced. This is done by making an undercut about 12 to 18 inches (30 to 46 cm) from the limb's point of attachment. Make a second cut from the top, directly above or a few inches farther out on the limb. Doing so removes the limb, leaving the 12- to 18-inch (30- to 46-cm) stub. Remove the stub by cutting back to the branch collar. This technique reduces the possibility of tearing the bark.



Mature Tree Care

Learn procedures specific to a routine maintenance program for mature tree care, including tree inspection, mulching, fertilization, pruning, and tree removal.

Think of tree care as an investment. A healthy tree increases in value with age and pays big dividends by increasing property values, beautifying our surroundings, purifying our air, and saving energy by providing cooling shade from summer's heat and protection from winter's wind.

Regular preventative maintenance, designed to promote tree health and structural integrity, ensures a tree's value will continue to grow and prevents the development of more costly problems in the future. An effective maintenance program, including regular inspections and necessary follow-up care — pruning, mulching, fertilizing, and additional soil management — can identify problems and correct them before they become damaging or fatal.

Tree Inspection

Regular tree inspections can catch changes in a tree's health before a disease, insect, or environmental problem

becomes too serious to address.

Ideally, mature trees should be inspected at least once a year to assess four

characteristics of tree vitality: new leaf or bud formation, leaf size, twig growth, and absence of crown dieback (gradual death of the upper part of the tree).

Growth reduction is a fairly reliable cue that the tree's health has recently changed. An experienced arborist can look at twig growth from past years to determine whether there is a reduction in the tree's typical growth pattern.

Further signs of poor tree health are trunk decay, crown dieback, or both. These symptoms often indicate problems that began several years before. Loose bark, deformed growths, and conks (mushrooms) are common signs of stem decay.

Any abnormalities found during these inspections, such as insect activity and/or spotted, deformed, discolored, or dead leaves and twigs, should be noted and monitored closely. If you are uncertain about what to do, report your findings to your



local ISA Certified Arborist or other tree care professional for advice on treatment options.

Mulching

Mulching can reduce environmental stress by providing trees with a more moderate root environment that has fewer temperature and moisture extremes than the surrounding soil.

Mulch reduces competition from weeds and grass and prevents mechanical damage by keeping lawn

care equipment away from the tree's base. Mulches made from plant matter, such as shredded leaves, pine straw, peat moss, or composted wood chips, will add nutrients to the soil as they decompose and help improve overall soil biology. To be most effective, mulch should be placed 2 to 4 inches (5 to 10 cm) deep and cover as much of the root system as possible. (Roots can extend as far as 2 or 3 times the diameter of the branch spread of the tree.) When placing mulch, care should be taken not to cover the actual trunk of the tree. A mulch-free area around the base that is 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5 cm) wide is sufficient to avoid overly moist bark conditions.

Soil Management

Soil management is another important aspect of mature tree care. Urban landscape trees often exist in soils that lack the nutrients, pH (acidity or alkalinity), drainage, or pore space (air and water space) needed for growth and development.

Proper fertilization based on plant needs can correct many deficiencies that limit growth. Sometimes soil nutrients may be sufficient, but soil pH levels may prevent plant uptake. In this case, soil amendments, such as sulfur, lime, and even some mulches, can alter soil chemistry and help alleviate plant stress.

Drainage systems or grading can help correct saturated soil conditions, although trenching or



earthmoving activities within the tree's root zone may cause more harm than good. Compacted soils can be tilled mechanically or with compressed air to increase porosity and encourage root growth.

Care must be taken when loosening soil under the drip zone to avoid root damage.

When dealing with a mature tree that provides considerable benefit and value to your landscape, it is worth the time and investment to have the soil tested for nutrient content and texture. An arborist can arrange to have your soil tested at a soil testing laboratory and recommend treatments based on the results.

Pruning

Pruning is often desirable or necessary to remove dead, diseased, or insect-infested branches and to improve tree structure, enhance vitality, or reduce risk. While pruning has many benefits, the removal of live branches creates a lasting wound. No branch should be removed without a reason. The removal of large limbs on a mature tree requires careful consideration.

Pruning large trees requires special equipment, training, and experience. If the pruning work requires climbing, the

use of a chain or hand saw, or the removal of large limbs, the use of personal safety equipment, such as protective eyewear and hearing protection, is a must. Arborists can assist in performing the job safely and reducing the risk of personal injury and damage to your property. They can also determine which type of pruning is necessary to maintain or improve the health, appearance, and safety of your trees.

Removal

Although tree removal is a last resort, there are circumstances when it is necessary. Professionally trained arborists can help decide whether or not a tree should be removed and possess the skills and equipment to safely and efficiently remove trees. Removal is recommended when a tree:

- is dead, dying, or considered irreparably hazardous
- is causing an obstruction or is crowding and causing harm to other trees and the situation is impossible to correct through pruning
- is to be replaced by a more suitable specimen
- should be removed to allow for construction

With proper maintenance, trees can add aesthetic and economic value to your property. Poorly maintained trees, on the other hand, can be a significant liability. For more information on mature tree care, contact your local ISA Certified Arborist.

Get Fit Great Falls Summer Park Program



Many long-time Great Falls residents fondly remember the “Park Ladies,” who would plan fun activities for kids to enjoy in neighborhood parks throughout the summer. But budget cuts caused the City Park & Recreation Department to end the popular program more than a decade ago.

Get Fit Great Falls, in partnership with Park and Recreation, hopes to connect kids to the parks again by bringing back summertime activities in five parks.

Each day, “park pals” will organize a different physical activity that doesn’t require expensive equipment and an art or science project with the hope of drawing kids of all interests to our parks. Kids will play kickball, rainbow tag and capture the flag, and will do activities like making volcanos, play dough and gak.

“Whether it’s because parents are too frightened or kids are too preoccupied with television and video games, the days of ‘free range’ kids are gone,” said Get Fit Great Falls President Kim Skornogoski. “Our goal is to increase the number of kids playing in our parks with the hope that they are building healthy lifelong habits of being active outdoors.”

The program is partnering when possible with the



Great Falls Public Schools food truck, so kids can get a free meal before or after they come out to play. The Park Pals will be in the same parks at the same times every weekday throughout the summer. Watch the Tribune calendar or go to getfitgreatfalls.org for a complete schedule.

Prizes will be given out every day at every park and kids have a chance to pick bigger prizes including basketballs and soccer balls after they’ve come 10, 20, 30 or 40 times.

Get Fit hopes to capitalize on one of Great Falls best treasures – our parks. According to the 2014 County Health Rankings, 72 percent of people in Cascade County live within a half mile of a park

– ranking 2nd among 48 peer cities nationwide. That percentage would be even higher, if we considered the miles and miles of the River’s Edge Trail. However, Cascade County ranks 28th for the percentage of people who are physically active.

In its first year, more than 1,000 kids took part in the program in 2016.

To help: Get Fit would like to expand continue and expand the program to reach more parks in future summers. Donations can be sent to Get Fit Great Falls, 115 4th St. S., Great Falls, MT, 59401 or can be made online at www.getfitgreatfalls.org.

Outdoor Expo



Friday, June 9
Noon to 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 10
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mansfield Convention Center

See what Montana stores and businesses have to offer in outdoor themed merchandise and experiences.

Sponsored by:



Free Family Movie Night

Friday, June 9 7:30 p.m.

Mansfield Theater at the Civic Center

Celebrating the Week of the Rivers.

Sponsored by:



83rd Annual

Pet & Doll Parade

“Beach Party”

Thursday, July 27 at 7:00 pm



Come sign up, for the oldest kids' parade in Great Falls.
Register at the Park and Recreation Office, 1700 River Drive North. Ribbons will be given to every participant and prizes will be awarded. This activity is FREE. Registration starts on July 1st

Divisions for dress-up ideas are:

- Pets
- Doll
- Sports
- Characterization
- Circus
- Occupation
- Cartoon
- Frontier

Thank you -- Municipal Band, Uptown Optimist, Johnson Madison Lumber



Park and Recreation Department presents the 83rd Annual Pet and Doll Parade

Thursday, July 27, 2017 Parade Time 7:00 pm

I grant permission for all the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recording of any other record of the event for any legitimate purpose. Parent or legal guardian must sign if participant is under 18.

Name(s) _____

Date _____ Number of people in this entry _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Age(s) _____

Signature _____

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Division _____ Category _____ If unclassified, specify entry _____