

Recreation, Sports and Leisure



Springfield and Greene County embrace participatory and competitive athletics. In 2003, Springfield was named Missouri's Sportstown U.S.A. by *Sports Illustrated Magazine*. This achievement reflects the success of an outstanding Park Board. The Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation District strives to maintain the balance of competitive and recreational programs, free and paid facilities,

and meeting needs with available resources. All of these aspects come together to form one of the best parks and recreation systems in the state and nation.

The City of Springfield has a lot to offer sports fans through such facilities as the Cooper Tennis Complex, home of the Lasers. This 23-court complex has hosted local, state, regional, and national USTA competitions on an annual basis. In 2000, this facility was recognized as the #1 public tennis facility in the country. In addition, the city has a public championship 18-hole golf course, and recently the new John Q. Hammons Field opened to host the SMS Bears baseball program. This state-of-the-art \$32 million ballpark is slated to host a minor-league team, and is integral to the Center City development.



The City of Springfield and the Springfield-Greene County Park Board have worked extensively to develop Jordan Valley Park (home to the Jordan Valley Ice Park), the new Expo Center



and the newly developed Founders Park. All of these programs have been developed as a major planning priority of the City Council. The City's commitment to providing top-notch sports and leisure amenities allows our community to boast some of the finest parks in the state and nation.



DATA

Park Acreage	2000+ acres
Number of Parks	65
Parks expenditure/cap (25,000,000/151,580)	\$164.93
Parks Operating Budget	25,000,000
Parks Capital Budget	7,000,000

Sports Venues and Participant Information

Golf	120,000 rounds of golf are played per year
Tennis	20,000 hours of court times booked annually
Softball	5,000 people participate each week on 450 teams
Baseball	2,500 children play each week on 220 teams
Community Family Centers	Over 7,000 are members of family centers; over 60,000 people purchase daily passes
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming	60,000 participate annually
Zoo	160,000 people attend the Dickerson Park Zoo annually
Ice Park	200,000 attend skating functions each year
Skatepark	20,000 participants annually



Park/Location	Baseball	Basketball	Food Concession	Grills	Horseshoes	Ice Skating	Lake or Pond	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation Center	Rest Rooms	Shelters	Soccer	Softball (lighted)	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Trails
Springfield Parks																	
Champion/W. Downing at Grant				•			•	•									•
Cherokee School/5241 S. Holland								•									•
Chesterfield Park & Family Center/2511 W. Republic		•						•	•	•	•				•		•
Cooper/2300-2700 E. Pythian	★			•				•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Cowden/Battlefield & Kimbrough									•								
Dickerson Park & Zoo/1400 W. Norton Street			•	•			•	•	•		•	•					
Doling Park & Centers/2600 N. Campbell			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•					•	•
Edna Norris/2056 S. Moore Road									•								
Eugene Field/2120 Baratara									•								
Fassnight/S. Campbell & Meadowmere		•	•	•				•	•		•	•		•	•		
George Washington Carver/500 S. Belview																	•
Gillenwaters Tennis Complex/3635 S. Jefferson									•		•					•	•
Glenwood/Cedarbrook & E. Trafficway	•	•		•				•	•							•	•
Grant Beach/N. Grant & Lynn	•	•	•	•				•	•		•	•			•	•	
Hartman/Del Prado Hills Subdivision									•	•							
Hawthorn/815 S. Market									•	•		•					
James Ewing Sports Complex/Scenic & Bennett	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•			•		•	
Jenny Lincoln Park & Center/Jefferson & Harrison				•	•			•	•							•	
Jordan Valley Parks/635 & 735 E. Trafficway						•											•
Killian Sports Complex/2141 E. Pythian				•						•			•				
Kirkwood/Glendale & Seminole	•							•	•		•						
L.A. Wise/3100 W. Nichols									•								
LaFayette/2100 N. Boonville	•			•				•	•		•					•	
Living Memorial/4405 S. Glenstone				•				•	•		•						
McBride School/Golden & Weaver								•	•								•
McDaniel/National & Sunset									•								
McGregor School/W. Madison									•	•							•
Meador/2500 S. Fremont	★	•	•	•				•	•		•		•	•		•	
Miles/2000 E. Cherry								•	•		•						
Nathanael Greene/Close Memorial/2400 S. Scenic				•				•	•		•						
Nichols/1900 W. Nichols	★	•						•	•		•	•		•		•	
Oak Grove Park & Center/1538 S. Oak Grove				•				•	•	•	•						
O'Reilly-Tefft Gymnasium/1408 E. Pythian										•	•						
Overhill/1100 S. Overhill Road	•	•											•				
Parkwood/2600 N. Barnes				•				•	•								
Phelps Grove/800-1200 E. Bennett				•				•	•		•	•				•	•
Ray Kelly Park & Center/2225 S. Fremont								•	•	•	•						
Ritter Springs/State Highway 13 North				•	•		•	•	•		•	•					
Sanford/Battlefield & Franklin									•								
Sequiota/3500 Lone Pine								•	•		•	•					
Silver Springs/1100 N. Hampton		•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	•			•	•
Smith/1536 E. Division Street		•	•	•				•	•		•	•				•	•
Truman School/Vernon and Stoneridge		•							•		•		•				•
Washington/1600 Summit								•	•		•						
Watkins/2100 W. High		•	•					•	•		•	•				•	•
Westport/3100 Mt. Vernon	•		•						•		•		•	•		•	•
Youngs/Chestnut Expressway & York Avenue								•	•								
Zagonyi/Mt. Vernon & Park Avenue				•	•			•	•		•					•	

★ Lighted Field/Court