PICNIC SHELTERS

Picnic Shelters are available in five regional and six of our community parks. You may reserve one, for a fee, up to 365 days in advance for events taking place May 1st through September 30th. Picnic shelters not reserved will remain available for free during this period and for the remainder of the year (Oct. 1st through April 30th) on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve a shelter online:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/clarkcountyparks

Phone reservations also can be made by calling (360) 397-2285.

BE A PARK VOLUNTEER

Volunteers play an integral role in our community by caring for and improving parks, trails, road sides and other public places.

www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/volunteer

CLARK COUNTY PAB MEMBERS

- Jay Chester – co chair
- Kelly Punteney – co chair
- Dave Weston – secretary
- Barbara Anderson
- Kevin Paff
- Kelsey Potter
- John Spencer
- Kristopher Fay – ex officio - ESD
- Jennifer Halleck – ex officio - VSD
- Dianna Kretzschmar – ex officio Parks Foundation

Clark County Staff supporting PAB

Bill Bjerke - Division Manager
Laura Hilty – Office support
Jeremy Kanooth – Program coord.

Clark County Parks Advisory Board (PAB)

Vision: *Clark County Parks & Recreation strengthens a high quality of life for the entire community.*

Mission: *Meeting community needs by providing an interconnected system of parks, trails, recreation facilities and natural areas that support environmental stewardship, diverse recreational opportunities and economic development.*

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Clark County Parks

CLASSIFICATION OF PARK AREAS

Neighborhood parks provide basic recreation opportunities (e.g. play areas or trails) , and preserve open space for nearby residents. Located within walking and bicycling distance of most users, these parks are generally three to five acres in size and primarily serve residents within a half-mile radius.
Community parks are usually 20 to 100 acres in size and generally serve residents from a one- to three-mile service area. They have additional amenities such as restrooms and parking lots and may include sports fields.
Regional parks are recreational areas, usually larger than 50 acres in size that provide opportunities for diverse recreational activities. Facilities may include sports fields, extensive trail systems, or large picnic areas.
Natural areas and open space are primarily undeveloped spaces, which are managed for both their natural, ecological value and for light-impact recreational use

FIND A PARK OR TRAIL:
www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/find-park-or-trail

FIND NATURAL AREAS:
www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/legacy-lands-properties

HOW ARE PARKS FUNDED?

Clark County primarily relies on Park Impact Fees (PIF) to buy and develop land for parks. PIF are collected when new residential housing is built. The Greater Vancouver area is divided into 10 park districts, and PIF must be spent within the district in which they are collected.

The unincorporated area of Clark County also passed a bond in 2005 to support ongoing maintenance of parks. A park is developed when the county owns the land, has sufficient funds to pay for construction and has ongoing revenue to maintain the park. For more info:

www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/park-projects-and-funding

DOES IT COST TO USE A PARK?

Park use is FREE; although daily parking fees are collected year-round at four regional parks; Frenchman's Bar, Lewisville, Salmon Creek / Klineline Pond and Vancouver Lake.

Parking fees are $2 for motorcycles, $3 for cars, $6 for cars with trailers and $8 for buses or motor homes. Frequent users can purchase an annual pass see website for details:

www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parking-fees

Park Type	Owned (ac.)	Developed (ac.)
Neighborhood	194.6	125.7
Community	335.2	150.0
Urban Natural Area	236.4	0.0
Regional Park	2,603.5	361.1
TOTAL	3,369.7	636.7

WHAT IS THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD?

Clark County appoints a seven-member Parks Advisory Board to serve three year terms, without compensation to:

- Advise and make recommendations to the Board of County Councilors and county staff relating to acquisition, planning and development of Clark County parks.
- Maintain communication with other organizations, associations and citizens regarding Clark County parks.
- Advocate to decision makers and the public for parks purposes.

Want to share concerns about a park, trail or open space issue or simply stay informed – please join PAB at a meeting. Public comment is heard at the beginning of each meeting.

Monthly on 2nd Friday
Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Luke Jensen Sports Park
Bud Van Cleve community room
4000 NE 78th Street

Agendas, minutes, documents and audio recordings can be found at

https://www.clark.wa.gov/public-works/parks-advisory-board