

PARKS A PLENTY.



STELLAR STOMPING GROUNDS.

More than 1 million people annually visit the 71 public parks, playgrounds and properties encompassing nearly 1,400 acres in the City of South Bend. The 11 community parks, 21 neighborhood parks and 18 block parks range in size from 0.30 acres to 313.25 acres. Here's a quick look at what you'll find there:

Facility Type	Number
Baseball Diamonds	7
Soccer Fields	14
Football Fields	3
Tennis Courts	52
Basketball Goals	41
Volleyball Courts	3
Playgrounds (Neighborhood)	23

There's also a skate park, an ice-skating rink, more than two-dozen golf courses and unique attractions unlike anything you'd find in cities of a similar size.



RIDE WHITEWATER IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN. STROLL THROUGH AN URBAN, OLD-GROWTH FOREST. ROMP AT A PLAYGROUND DESIGNED BY KIDS. VISIT THE ZOO. ALL THIS – AND NEARBY LAKE MICHIGAN'S DUNES – MAKE UP THE DISTINCTIVE PARKS IN AND AROUND SOUTH BEND.

East Race Waterway • 105 N. Niles Ave.

The first man-made whitewater rafting facility in North America features a whitewater course for beginning to advanced rafters; rafting and kayaking competitions; seasonal fishing of Chinook salmon, steelhead trout and small-mouth bass. The more than 3 miles of paved, lighted paths converge with 11 miles of similar paths along the St. Joseph River.

Four Winds Field • 501 W. South St.

Home of the South Bend Cubs, a Class A affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, Four Winds is considered a model for minor league downtown urban stadiums. The 5,000-seat capacity stadium was upgraded in 2010-11 to introduce a 360-degree concourse, a centerfield entrance and added fan amenities.

Riverwalk

Scenic and well-lit, this generous walkway features benches at scenic spots on an 11-mile trail along the St. Joseph River for walking, running, in-line skating and biking.

Parks and recreation centers: urban oases for all

South Bend's community parks and recreation centers are energizing, enriching and fun outdoor and indoor facilities in vibrant urban settings, for people of all ages to enjoy.

Potawatomi Park (62 acres)

• Mishawaka Avenue, west of Ironwood Drive
Draws more than 500,000 visitors annually as the most-visited park in the region. Includes a lighted softball diamond and tennis court; swimming pool; more than 30 picnic areas, including handicapped-accessible picnic areas with four covered pavilions; two playgrounds (**Kids Kingdom** and a second, universally accessible playground).

Potawatomi Conservatories, with tropical plants, waterfall, garden and greenhouse; available for receptions, parties and meetings.

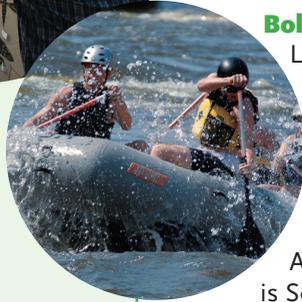
Chris Wilson Pavilion, with a large performance space, optimized acoustics, flexible infrastructure and seating.

Potawatomi Zoo, the state's oldest zoo, which also was named as a top 20 zoo for kids nationally, features over 400 animals from virtually every corner of the world; education and conservation center; zoo train and pony rides; petting zoo; café and gift shop. Come enjoy all 23 acres of our great zoo.

Jon Hunt Plaza • Colfax Avenue and Michigan Street
Green space. Home to "Fridays by the Fountain" summer concert series.



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St. Joseph County parks

You'll find plenty of features at county parks, whether you're inner-tubing at St. Patrick's Park, attending educational programs about local history at Ferrettie/Baugo Creek Park, or enjoying outdoor entertainment at St. Patrick's Park.

For more information: www.sjcparks.org

State parks

Within easy driving distance, state parks in Indiana and Michigan offer impressive hiking trails, the Lake Michigan lakeshore (America's "Third Coast"), massive dunes, and more.

Potato Creek State Park, North Liberty, Ind.

For more information: www.in.gov/dnr

Grand Mere State Park, Stevensville, Mich.

Warren Dunes State Park, Sawyer, Mich.

Warren Woods State Park, Sawyer, Mich.

For more information:

www.michigan.gov/dnr

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Located in northwest Indiana and managed by the National Park Service, the national lakeshore runs for nearly 25 miles along the southern shore of Lake Michigan, from Gary, Ind., on the west to Michigan City, Ind., on the east. The park contains nearly 15,000 acres.

For more information:
www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm



O'Brien Park (23 acres) • 321 E. Walter St.

Includes a pavilion; lighted softball diamond; football field; playground; splash pad. **O'Brien Fitness Center**, a 7,500-square-foot facility equipped with fitness and weight-training equipment; aerobic exercise room; fully staffed; fitness classes. **O'Brien Skate Park**, a regional favorite for skateboarders and rollerbladers; 13,000 square feet of space includes ramps, rails, quarter- and half-pipes, bowls and steps; equipment rental; concessions.

Belleville Park (44 acres) • 1300 South Mayflower Road
National award-winning four-diamond softball complex; lighted baseball diamond; tennis, basketball and volleyball courts; playground.

Leeper Park (26 acres) • 907 Riverside Drive
Includes a duck pond; rose garden; outdoor stage; picnic areas; playground. **Leeper Park Tennis Center**, with 3 lighted courts and 11 unlit courts, pro shop and tennis lessons/programs.

Boehm Park (30 acres) • Edison Road and Rose Street
Lighted sports facility; tennis and basketball courts; playground.

Boland Park (21 acres) • 2800 Corpus Christi Drive
Lighted softball diamond and tennis courts; football and soccer fields; playground.

Coquillard Park (7 acres) • Campeau and Arthur streets
Basketball half court, covered picnic areas, splash pad and a playground.

Howard Park (11 acres) • Jefferson and St. Louis boulevards
Across from downtown on the St. Joseph River, Howard Park is South Bend's first park. Includes a paved river walk; picnic areas; playground. **Howard Park Ice Skating Rink**, with skate rentals, concessions. **Howard Park Senior Citizens Center**, with special programs, games, guest speakers, crafts, card clubs and health seminars.

Kennedy Park (39 acres) • 2700 Westmoor Street
Lighted baseball diamond; tennis courts; play area; water playground and softball fields.

LaSalle Park (40 acres) • Washington and Camden Streets
Includes a lake; picnic areas; playground; softball fields and multiuse field; **Charles Black Recreation Center**, with full-sized gymnasium, community room, kitchen, computer lab, weight room, game room, splash pads and a variety of activities.

Pinhook Park (43 acres) • 2801 Riverside Drive
Fishing dock; picnic areas; playground. Facility with kitchen may be rented for events.

Rum Village Park (160 acres) • 2626 S. Gertrude St.
Includes paved walking trails in an urban forest; three pavilions; 10,000-square-foot playground; mountain bike trail. **Rum Village Nature Center**, with exhibits and education programs.

Fredrickson Park (14 acres) • 1300 South Bend Ave.
Beautiful nature trail site and paved .65 mile trail.

Southeast Park (10 acres) • Fellows and Keasey streets
Aquatic center; pavilion with kitchen; softball and soccer fields; playgrounds.

Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center • 1522 W. Linden Ave.
Full-size gymnasium; fitness quarters; computer lab; conference room; senior citizens lounge; culinary/kitchen facility; splash pad.

Newman Recreation Center • 727 S. Eddy St.
Available for programs and events; picnic area.

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