



City of Gladstone

Parks & Recreation Information

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Welcome to Gladstone Parks!

Gladstone Parks and Recreation strives to create recreation, leisure and cultural opportunities by providing high quality parks, facilities, programming and support services to people of all ages.

Park Hours: All city parks located on the river shall be closed to the public from 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. each day. All non-river city parks shall be closed to the public from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. each day.

Park Rules/Regulations: Park rules are primarily intended to preserve a safe and enjoyable environment for the general public and to protect parks and park facilities from damage. Park rules are described in detail in Chapter 12.12 of the Gladstone Municipal Code <http://gcode.us/codes/gladstone/>. Summaries of park rules are posted at entries and within the parks.

- Pets are welcome, but must be leashed – and please clean up after your pets.
- Alcohol is prohibited in all Gladstone Parks and park sports fields.
- No firearms or fireworks are allowed.
- You are responsible for your litter. If you cannot find a trash disposal bin, please take your trash with you. We appreciate your efforts to leave the park clean for others to enjoy.

Park Maintenance: The goal of the City's park maintenance is to provide safe and attractive facilities for our residents and visitors to use and enjoy. Our maintenance schedules and procedures are based on the standards and frequencies our residents have come to expect. During the year, our park's maintenance staff work cooperatively with volunteer groups, youth sports organizations and many other local groups. Through these cooperative efforts our maintenance crews are able to establish ongoing relationships and digest valuable input and ideas from the community.

Gladstone Parks:

- **Abernethy Lane Trail:** 1.8 acres. In 1988 the City of Gladstone purchased the entire section of abandoned rail road right of way between Glen Echo Avenue and Portland Avenue to allow for widening of Abernethy Lane and for development of a walkway/trail.
- **Cross Park:** 5.58 Acres. Located along the Clackamas River, Cross Park is improved with permanent restrooms, paved walking/bicycle paths, picnic tables, irrigation system, overhead lighting. Depending on water level in the river, this park is used year round by fishermen, picnickers, and for other passive recreation uses. Cross Park is about 50% landscaped, with the steeper banks in natural vegetation. One acre expansion was completed in 2003.
- **Dahl Beach:** 15.33 Acres. Located on the north bank of the Clackamas River at the confluence of the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers, Dahl Beach is used year round by fishermen and has inviting beaches for swimmers and picnickers during the summer months. Potable water is not available, restrooms are of the portable type. Except for the road and parking areas, Dahl Beach is almost entirely in natural vegetation. Access is obtained from Meldrum Bar Park Road. As the result of park property acquisition in 1990, which connected Meldrum Bar with Dahl Park, the public now has more than one mile of continuous river frontage along the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers.

- **Dierickx Field:** 2.27 Acres. Located on Risley Avenue north of W. Gloucester, Dierickx Field is used during the spring and summer for little league and junior baseball/softball and is improved with two baseball fields, permanent restrooms, snack shack, bleachers, baseline fencing and playground equipment.
- **Gladstone Nature Park:** Approximately 10 acres. Located between Oatfield Road and Webster Road, north of Kearns Market. This property is primarily undeveloped and contains a paved walking trail through the park.
- **Glen Echo Wetland:** 2.97 Acres. Located north of Glen Echo Avenue, it is undeveloped and contains the southern most area of Boardman Swamp. This property consists of a 1.79 acre wetlands that was dedicated to the city in 1988. In 1993 the city purchased an additional 1.18 acre parcel adjacent to the wetlands for passive recreation.
- **High Rocks Park:** 1.55 Acres. Located on the Clackamas River in the 82nd Drive commercial area, High Rocks Park is used year round by fishermen and during the summer by some picnickers and swimmers. The lower level, which is subject to yearly flooding, is unimproved.

High Rocks Park Lifeguard Program: An agreement between the City of Gladstone, the City of Oregon City and American Medical Response (AMR) continues the lifeguard program each summer at the High Rocks area beginning on Memorial Day and continuing through Labor Day. This service, which is provided at no cost to either city, is intended to reduce water related accidents along this hazardous stretch of the Clackamas River. Thanks to AMR for their excellent community service!

- **Max Patterson Memorial City Park, 450 E. Exeter:** 1.84 Acres. Adjacent to the John Wetten Elementary School. Patterson Park contains two tennis courts, a large play structure, permanent restrooms, a spray park, picnic shelters, small stage, irrigation system, and drinking fountain. This is the most popular park with city residents and is the site of the city summer recreation programs and the annual Chautauqua Festival. Patterson Park is 100% landscaped.

Picnic & Parties at Max Patterson Park: Patterson Park has been the site of many picnics and birthday parties. Reservations are not required to reserve covered shelters or picnic tables at the park for a picnic or birthday party – picnic tables and covered shelters are available on a first come, first served basis. When using the park (or any city park), residents are advised that inflatable jumpers, such as bouncy houses, and climb-on play equipment, such as rock climbing walls, are not permitted.

Spray Park at Max Patterson Park: The spray park at Patterson Park is open the week following dismissal of school for the summer through Labor Day, Monday – Saturday, 12:00-6:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. (weather permitting). The interactive spray park feature utilizes a recirculating water system with a filtration unit and chlorine sanitizer.

For safe, responsible fun at the spray park, please follow the spray park rules:

- 1) Parental supervision of children is required;
- 2) Swim diapers are required for all persons who are not toilet trained;
- 3) Dogs/animals are not allowed in the feature (dog hair clogs the water recirculatory system and there is potential of introducing fecal matter into the water system);
- 4) Do not use the spray park if you have had diarrhea in the last two weeks.

Here are a few additional tips when using the spray park:

- 1) For effective sunscreen application, allow the sunscreen to dry before entering the water;
- 2) Rinsing off in the designated shower area is recommended prior to entering the spray park;
- 3) Swim socks or shoes are recommended to avoid injury;
- 4) Drinking and spitting of water from the feature is discouraged.

Your health and safety is our priority.

Summer Recreation Program: A summer recreation program for children begins the week following dismissal of school for the summer through the fourth Friday of August, Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Daily activities will include limited games, sports, crafts and special events for all ages. Watch the city's website and newsletter for a complete schedule of events during the summer.

- **Meldrum Bar Park:** 85.37 Acres. Located off River Road - Meldrum Bar Park is a regional facility, used year round by fishermen and boaters and receives heavy use during the spring, summer and fall by organized baseball, softball and soccer leagues. The portion of Meldrum Bar Park along the Willamette River is improved with a boat ramp and floating dock, potable water, portable restrooms, and a parking lot for boat trailers. Above the ordinary high water mark is a small picnic area, community gardens and a twelve acre sports field complex with four soccer fields, five softball/baseball fields and permanent restrooms. There is about a mile of paved bicycle/pedestrian paths in Meldrum Bar Park. About 30% of the park is in natural vegetation, including a large wetlands.

Picnic & Parties at Meldrum Bar Park: Reservations are not required to reserve covered shelters or picnic tables at the park for a picnic or birthday party – picnic tables and covered shelters are available on a first come, first served basis. When using the park (or any city park), residents are advised that inflatable jumpers, such as bouncy houses, and climb on play equipment, such as rock climbing walls, are not permitted.

Ballfields at Meldrum Bar Park: Reservations, fees and certificate of liability insurance are required to reserve any of the soccer or softball/baseball fields at Meldrum Bar Park.

Community Gardens: Gladstone Community Gardens are located in Meldrum Bar Park along the scenic Willamette River. This land is leased by the City to the Gladstone Community Garden Association, who is responsible for administering garden usage. The gardens are one of the older, and larger, community gardens in the Portland Metro area. The gardens cover nearly 5 acres and comprise 134 separate garden lots. Gardeners help maintain the area and work with the City of Gladstone to keep it neat and productive. Visit their website, <http://www.gladstonegarden.org>, for additional information.

- **Nick Shannon Park:** 0.6 acres located adjacent to the Oak Lodge Water Reservoir Site on Valley View Road. This property was acquired in 1996, partially with Greenspaces funds, and is developed for neighborhood park use with play equipment and picnic tables. About half the site will remain undeveloped in natural vegetation.
- **Off-Leash Dog Park:** Approximately 1 acre located adjacent to Nick Shannon Park. This property is owned by the Oak Lodge Water District. The Off-Leash Dog park is fenced and rules are posted as follows: 1) The Off-Leash Dog Park is for dogs and their handlers only; 2) No animals other than dogs shall be permitted in the area; 3) All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated in the City or County of their residence and shall wear a visible dog license and vaccination tag; 4) Dogs under 4 months of age and female dogs in heat are prohibited; 5) Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the off-leash area; 6) Handlers must have their dogs under voice control and within their view at all times; 7) Handlers must be 16 years of age or older; 8) Handler is limited to maximum of three dogs at a time; 9) For safety reasons, dogs showing signs of aggression, must be removed immediately; 10) Parents are strongly discouraged from bringing children under the age of 12 into the off-leash area. All children must be accompanied by an adult; 11) Children should at no time be allowed to run with or chase after dogs in the park; 12) For safety reasons, please do not bring people food into the off-leash area; 13) Handlers are required to pick up after their dogs inside and outside of the park; 14) Users of the facility do so at their own risk; 15) Neither the City of Gladstone or Oak Lodge Water District shall be liable for any injury or damages sustained in utilization of the off-lease dog park.

- **Olson Property:** 3.50 Acres. Located at the north end of Risley Avenue, just east of McLoughlin Blvd., this property was deeded to the city in 1983. It is undeveloped and contains a wetland.
- **Ridgegate Tracts:** Two parcels totaling 1.80 acres located on Ridgegate Drive were deeded to the city on the plat of the Ridgegate Subdivision in 1975. Tract `D` contains a path to Kraxberger Middle School, otherwise the tracts are undeveloped and unimproved. In 1989, the City Council decided not to pursue the sale and residential development of Tract "D".
- **Robin Hood Park:** 0.19 acres. The park contains play equipment, including swings and a slide, a half court basketball hoop and lawn areas and serves as a neighborhood park in the Sherwood Forest area. (Renamed in 2006 from Tot Lot in Sherwood Forest)
- **Salty Acres Wetlands:** This approximate .44 acre wetlands was deeded to the city in 1991 on the plat of the Salty Acres Subdivision. A small dam and outfall structure were created to help control storm water discharge.
- **Stocker Park:** 0.05 acres located at the easterly end of E. Clarendon Street. Stocker Park serves as a memorial to a former Gladstone resident; it is entirely landscaped.

Youth Sports Organizations: Many of the high quality youth and sports programs in the Gladstone area are handled by outside organizations not affiliated with the Parks and Recreation department. The information in this area is updated as initial or new contact information is provided by the organizations.

- **Gladstone Junior Baseball Association:** <http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=gladstonejuniorbaseball>
- **Gladstone Softball Association:** <http://leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=gladstonegirlssoftball>
- **Gladstone Soccer Association:** <http://www.gladstonesoccer.com>
- **Gladstone Youth Football:** <http://www.gladstoneyouthfootball.com>
- **Gladstone Youth Basketball:** <http://www.leaguelineup.com/ggcb>

Community School/Education: Gladstone Community School Programs are provided through the Gladstone School District. For information, visit their website at <http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us/communityschool.html> or call 503-650-2570.

For a list of special events in the park click the following link:

[Special Events](#)