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Parks & Outdoors

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Dear Chattanooga Community,

My name is April Furth, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new Administrator of the Department of Parks and Outdoors for the City of Chattanooga.

It is a privilege to serve a community renowned for its rich natural beauty, vibrant neighborhoods, and strong commitment to outdoor spaces. My background in operational leadership focuses on building efficient systems, supporting strong teams, and delivering high-quality services to the public.

As Administrator, my priority is ensuring that every resident, regardless of age, background, or zip code, has access to safe, inclusive, and well-maintained parks, trails, and outdoor spaces. I am committed to continuing the excellent work already underway while also exploring new opportunities to connect our city's natural resources to the people who call Chattanooga home. I am also dedicated to upholding our commitment as Chattanooga National Park City.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting with you, listening to your ideas, and working together to build a parks and outdoors system that reflects the values and aspirations of our entire city.

Thank you for welcoming me to Chattanooga. I'm excited to get started and to serve this incredible community.

Warm regards,

April Furth
Administrator
Department of Parks and Outdoors
City of Chattanooga



Parks & Outdoors

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Outdoor Chattanooga

423-643-6888

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Special Events Questions or Special Event Request

Email: specialevents@chattanooga.gov

Park Reservations

chattanooga.gov/things-to-do/parks/reservations

Lost and Found 423-643-7862

Please report any park issues, suggestions and concerns to 311.

Follow us on social! Search "Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors"









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Parks & Outdoors

Always Improving

Spring and summer of 2025 has been busy. New projects, new parks, new plans, more programs and the list goes on. We are thrilled to see an increase in many of our events and programs and an overall excitement around our department. Thank you.

Warner Park Turf and Pool Upgrades

The largest outdoor pool in the area, Warner Park received a brand new liner, paving the way for swimmers to enjoy for years to come. And weeks later, the 2 remaining softball fields were turfed. These additions attract thousands to the area, helping boost our economy and play.

New Playgrounds and Water Fountains

In January, we celebrated a new playground at Washington Hills Center/Park. Plus installed new water fountains at Grymes Center, Coolidge Park, Tacoa, Brainerd Tennis Courts, Shepherd Community Center, Montague Park, East Lake CC, Heritage Park, Greenway Farm, Hill City Park, Eastdale CC, Riverview Park, Tatum Park, Milliken Park, Jefferson Park, South Chatt Center, Hixson Ballfields, Rivermont Ballfields, and East Lake Park

Meadows Established

Our Natural Resources Team restored native meadows at East Lake Park and Greenway Farm four-year partnership with the amazing Southeastern Grasslands Institute, a group dedicated to restoring public lands and conserving native ecosystems.

Walnut Street Bridge Renovations

The Walnut Street Bridge started its 18 month renovation in March. The reno includes structural repairs, new paint, electrical, wood and more. More at walnutstreetbridge.com.

Acres Preserved and Trees Planted

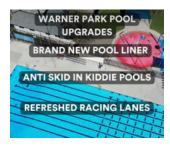
In July, Mayor Kelly signed a promise that the city will never build on dozens of acres along Missionary Ridge. The Chattanooga Tree Project planted 400 trees in the city's urban heat islands check out <u>our website</u> and sign up for the Chattanooga Tree Project Newsletter for opportunities to volunteer to help us create shadier, more beautiful parks for our city! Both key components of the Chattanooga National Park City commitment.

Enhancements for All

Restroom Floor upgrades and interior painting at GWF Dog Park, East Lake Park, John A Patten CC, and Riverside Park. Trail repairs at Stringer's (after fire) and boardwalk repairs on South Chickamauga Creek Greenway. New pier lighting at Ross's Landing and new sod sidelines at Washington Hills football/sports field.













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BEST PARKS FOR FALL COLORS?

Late October and Early November will offer spectacular colors across the TN Valley. What are the best places to see fall colors in our local parks? This is a hot debate with many parks offering large deciduous trees full of color. Here's a list of favorites NOT including our popular TN Riverpark, Coolidge and Ross's Landing-which are also fantastic!

Overlook Park (Missionary Ridge)

This small, but historic and scenic park is at the top of the ridge at 1 S Crest Rd. As the leaves change, the color is fantastic and views become even better!

Stringer's Ridge (1312 Spears Ave)

Miles of hiking and biking trails on North Chatt with overlooks of Chattanooga. You'll get a workout and a view!

Mountain Creek Park (1102 Mtn. Creek Rd)

Located near Red Bank Elementary, this large park with a walking path takes you under large trees with great views up Signal.

Greenway Farm to South Chickamauga Creek Greenway

Take a family walk to the old quarry, or canoe paddle along the North Chick in Greenway Farm, or hop on your bike for a 12 mile ride along the South Chick Creek Greenway will certainly amaze you with color.

East Lake Park (3400 E 34th St)

Chattanooga's Oldest Park. A walk around the duck pond under large hardwoods will certainly please!

Shepherd Park (2124 Shepherd Rd)

Beautiful park off Hwy 153 with large trees, playground, center, disc golf and more

Church St. Park (3813 Church St)

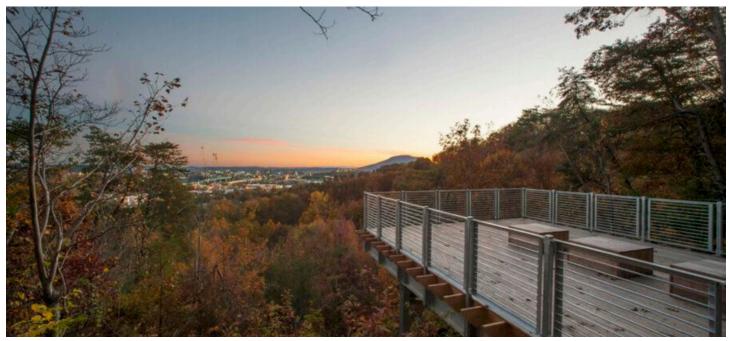
At the base of Lookout Mtn. Look up, be amazed.

Heritage Park (East Brainerd)

A family picture hot spot!

So MANY to choose from! Scan for an interactive map of our parks and facilities.





Exploring Public Art in Our Parks

Chattanooga's parks offer an abundance of green spaces and recreation opportunities but one thing that makes our public spaces truly unique is the vibrant display of art amidst the natural beauty of our city.

Meet our New Public Art Manager, Katelyn Kirnie

With over 15 years of leadership experience in the public art field, Kate brings a creative blend of project management and fabrication knowledge to her role with Parks & Outdoors. Her collegiate studies in Psychology continue to fuel her fascination with the interaction between people, art, and place.

Kate's previous roles include Director of Public Art Chattanooga, Visual Arts Manager at the Rose Kennedy Greenway in Boston, MA, and Exhibition Manager for late local sculptor, John Henry.

Her deep appreciation for the natural world, it's wonders, and the importance of nature immersion for mental health led her to become certified as a Forest Therapy guide. Guiding in the forest, she came to see more clearly how art often mimics nature's creativity and can produce similar positive effects for people in the built environment.

Kate is returning to Chattanooga and her role with public art at the City after a family gap year dedicated to world travel, adventure and learning with her daughters, ages 10 and 12, and her husband, Nate. Their explorations in the UK, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, France, Italy, Andorra, Spain, South Africa, and Zimbabwe have provided her with a fresh global perspective on how different cities and cultures express their own unique spirit of place.



Let's Take a Tour!

Kate's Advice for Interacting with Public Art

Public art isn't just something pretty to look at, it's interactive! Each artwork is an invitation to slow down, quiet the noise and tune into your senses. If approached with curiosity and an open mind geared towards exploration, art can help us fully appreciate the beauty of the present moment and connect with our natural surroundings. Just like yoga or a walk in the woods, exploring art is an embodied and grounding experience that has positive physical and mental health benefits-- calming the nervous system and sparking creativity.

Tips for Art Exploration:

- Take Your Time: Don't rush. Pause to observe the artwork from different angles and in varying light conditions. What are you noticing?
- Engage with the Art: Approach the artwork with an open mind. Ask yourself, "What is the artist inviting me to do?" Think about how the art makes you feel, and how it interacts with its surroundings (use all your senses).
- Look for Interpretive Signs: Most public artworks have signs nearby that provide information about the artist, title, materials, and meaning of the piece.
- Share Your Discoveries: Bring a journal and something to write or draw with. It helps both kids and adults slow down and notice more. Hold off on taking photos until you've had time to be present and fully appreciate the artwork. After that, have fun taking photos and sharing different perspectives and compositions. Remember to look for the artist's name and always credit the artist when posting images of artworks online.
- Respect the Art: Please do not touch or climb on sculptures unless explicitly invited to do so. Help keep the art and its surroundings safe and clean.

A partnership between the public and private sectors has brought meaning and beauty to Chattanooga's 1st Street corridor. Enjoy an interactive, self-guided tour of the public art in this vibrant, connected space. Try this self-guided tour for an immersive experience with art and nature along 1st Street.

1st Street Art & Nature Immersive Walk:

Start: Bluff View Art District

See: "Atmosanctum" by Evan Lewis (behind Tony's) **Do:** Stand beneath the artwork, and look up to the sky. Take in a big deep breath and let it out. Notice how this artwork interacts with the wind.

Stop 1: Hunter Museum of American Art Lawn

See: "Largo" by John Henry (local artist) **Do:** Let the playful nature of the bright yellow "french fries" inspire you. Strike a pose!

Stop 2: Walnut Street Bridge

See: "Ed Johnson Memorial" by Jerome Meadows **Do:** Sit for a moment of silence. Walk along and read the words below in stone. Take time to read Ed Johnson's story and explore the entire space (tip: go down the stairs for a different view). Before you leave, take Ed Johnson's hand.

Stop 3: The Edwin Hotel

See: "The Watcher" by Jim Collins (local artist) **Do:** Grab a bite or sip inside to activate your taste buds. While you're there, make sure to explore the extensive 'by locals' art collection.

Stop 4: 1st St & Cherry St.

See: The Scramble by Michael Singer

Do: Sit and listen. Close your eyes. What do you

hear? Near and far away. Listen closely.

Stop 5: Aquarium Plaza (corner of Market & 1st St)
See: "The Passage" by Team Gadugi (Cherokee art)
Do: Tune into the sound of water. Pass a hand
through the waterfall. Before dipping your toes in,
notice the ceramic Cherokee symbols moving
towards the river and take in the view. Pause for a
moment to acknowledge the history of this place
and those who walked before us on the Trail of
Tears. Take time to honor the stories and cultural
expressions shared here. Before moving on to play
and the rest of your day, toss a leaf in the water and
watch it flow down to the river.



Atmosanctum



Largo



Ed Johnson Memorial



Below Ed Johnson Memorial



The Watcher



The Scramble



The Passage





DID YOU KNOW?

Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors maintains over 200 works of art throughout Chattanooga. From sculptures to murals. Scan the QR code above for the complete collection!



SPECIAL EVENTS

September:

Levitt Bloc Music Series (Presented by Rise)

Sunday, Sept 7th at Rise Chattanooga. 3 pm

Swamp Movie in a Park!

Friday, Sept. 12th

Featuring "Shrek" at Heritage Park at 7 pm

Fun Fair Festival.

Saturday, Sept. 13th

Chattanooga Green (Next to Aquarium) 10 am

Levitt Bloc Music Series

Sunday, Sept. 14th at East Lake Park. 3 pm

IBMA: Bluegrass on the One Chattanooga Stage

Friday, Sept. 19th, next to the Pickle Barrel Saturday, Sept 20th. 11 am - 10 pm, both days

Levitt Bloc Music Series

Sunday, Sept. 21st at the Riverfront. 3 pm

Harvest Games in the Park!

Fun games at Coolidge Park for All Friday, Sept. 26th. 5 pm - 8 pm

Public Map -A-Thon.

Help update trail maps and more. Grymes Outdoor Chattanooga Center. Friday, Sept 26th 12 pm - 7 pm

Levitt Bloc Music Series

Sunday, Sept. 28th at Stoveworks. 3 pm

Chattanooga Pickleball Tourney!

Monday, Sept 29th East Lake, Hixson and Washington Hills Centers.

October:

Fireside Concert Series Returns!

Thursdays, 7 pm at Greenway Farm. Featuring live local folk music. Free

Culture on 4th at the Chattanooga Library

Featuring special guest readers. Oct. 4th 6 pm

Levitt Bloc Music Series

Sunday, Oct. 5th at Miller Park. 3 pm

The Vibe Stage Kids/Teens Talent Show

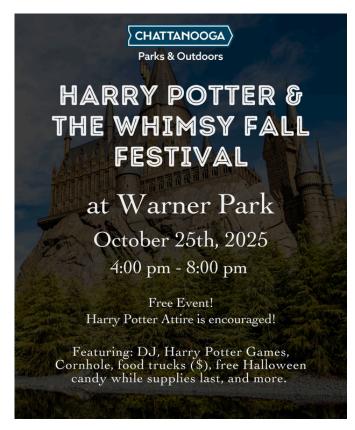
Saturday, Oct. 5th at Miller Park. 4 pm - 7 pm

Outdoor Chattanooga Family Fun Day

Sunday, Oct 12th at Greenway Farm. Canoe, archery, hikes, and more.







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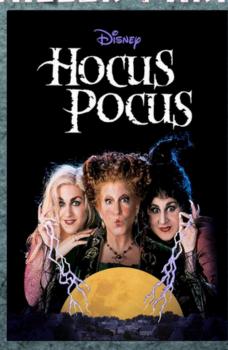
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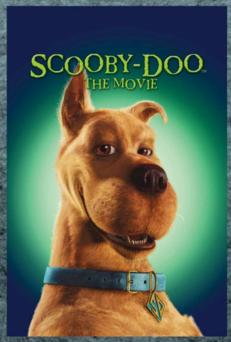
SPOOKY

MOVIE SERIES

FREE FAMILY MOVIE IN A PARK
MOVIES AT DUSK

OCT. 10TH MILLER PARK OCT. 24TH WARNER PARK





STARTS AT 5 PM. MOVIE AT DUSK.
BRING CHAIRS, BLANKETS, YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

EVENTS CONTINUED

Something Wicked at Miller Park

Candy giveaway. Halloween Night! 7 pm

November:

Notes in Nature at Greenway Farm

Musical walk through the park. Sunday, Nov. 2nd From 1 pm - 4 pm

Parks and Outdoors Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast!

Saturday, November 15th. Walker Pavilion. 10 am

Ruck Hike for Veterans

Medal of Honor Museum. Saturday, Nov. 15th

Festive Forest Tree Lighting at Miller Park

Wednesday, November 26th through January.

Reindeer on the Riverfront

November 28th from 4 pm - 8 pm

December:

MainX24 - Look for our float!

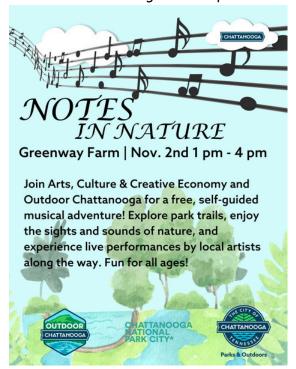
Saturday, December 6th

An Afternoon of Holiday Cheer with Santa

December 20th at Miller Park. 12 pm - 4 pm

New Year's Eve Celebration with Fireworks!

December 31st at Coolidge Park. 4 pm - 12 am



Save The Dates 2026!

MLK Day of Service.

Volunteer with Parks. Monday, January 19th Location TBD

Winter Warrior Games.

Teen skill games at Ramsey Center. Friday, Jan 23rd

World Wetlands Day Creek Clean Up.

Monday, Feb. 2nd at 4 pm. Location TBD

Hike Through History at Pleasant Hills Cemetery

Saturday, February 7th. 10am

Pin Cupid with Archery

Friday, February 13th at Outdoor Chattanooga.

Heart and Hike Valentine at the TN Riverpark

Friday, February 13th. 5 pm - 8 pm







YOUTH SPORTS

Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors is proud to offer a number of sports and outdoor activities for youth and adults of all ages and abilities. We also work closely with our community centers to offer programs throughout the year.

FREE YOUTH BASKETBALL FOR AGES 3-19

7 week league starting December 8th at numerous Community Centers.

The league is free for all participants. Registration September 8th - November 11th. Season begins December 8th.

4U: Games will be held at East Lake on Mondays, with the first game starting at 5:30 PM.

10-13 Girls: Games will be played at Chris Ramsey on Tuesdays, with a 12-game season.

10U Boys and 12U Boys: Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Shepherd, with all games starting at 5:30 PM, for a 12-game season.

6U and 8U Co-ed: Games will be held at Chris Ramsey on Saturdays, with the first game starting at 9:00 AM, for a 12-game season

Visit your local Community center or call Deon Brown at 423-643-6055.

Divisions/Age groups: 3/4 coed, 5/6 co-ed, 7/8 co-ed, 9/10 boys, 11/12 boys, 13-15 boys, 16-18 boys, 7-9 girls, 10-13 girls and 14-18 girls.

Registration forms can also be found at chattanooga.gov/parks under things to do and selecting "Athletics".

INNER CITY GOLF CLUB

Free youth golf lessons! Monday events, Sept 8th - Oct 13th. 7+. Call Deon at 423-643-6055

SUMMER RBI BASEBALL LEAGUE

Sign ups begin in January at your local community center or to have your team enter them online. Scan below to register and look for dates on our socials

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

Due to the overwhelming demand for our programs and sports, we are actively looking for volunteer coaches for basketball and baseball. Are you interested in mentoring and coaching tomorrow's leaders? Visit chattanooga.gov/parks/volunteer.

REGISTER FOR SPORTS, CAMPS AND MORE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



FREE YOUTH FALL AND WINTER CAMP!

Every Kid Outdoors Camp is an award winning free daily camp that introduces youth to the outdoors through daily adventures including fishing, canoeing, outdoor art, field trips and more. During the winter months, many of the same programs will be offered, weather dependent.

LIMITED SPACE! AGES 6-12 and 13-15. Camp HQ: 1102 South Watkins Street.

Fall camp: October 13th - 17th

Winter camp: December 26th - Jan 3rd

Times: 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Registration:

Fall: Sept 22nd - Oct 8th Winter: Dec. 1st - Dec. 19th.

Forms located at 1102 South Watkins Street or call Kim Battle at 423-643-6052 to register.



TEEN FUN

HOWARD HIGH PARADE

Saturday, October 20th Howard High School 2:00 pm-4:30 pm Join the parade and enjoy the fun! Contact Kim Battle. 423-643-6052

HARRY POTTER HALLOWEEN

Dress up, and create a magical evening for hundreds! Saturday, October 26th Warner Park Contact Kim Battle. 423-643-6052

TOGETHER WE GIVE: FRIENDSGIVING

Encouraging Kindness to Others Location: Thursday, November 5th. 11 am - 1 pm Participants will brighten the lives of nursing home residents with care packets and cards for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Contact Kim Battle. 423-643-6052







ADULT SPORTS

PICKLEBALL

Batter's Place Pickleball Complex

Located in East Brainerd at 8011 Batter's Place Rd Featuring 5 courts, including one ADA, newly surfaced, seating, and led lighting. Open daily until 10 pm

Hixson Community Center Pickleball

5401 School Dr. Featuring 4 outdoor courts

Local Community Centers (indoors)

The City of Chattanooga also offers several indoor pickleball options at numerous community centers.

These centers provide open play for all levels Monday - Friday between 9 am-noon. (times may vary at some centers)

Centers include: Chris Ramsey Community Center Hixson Community Center East Chattanooga Community Center East Lake Community Center, Eastdale Community Center Tyner Community Center South Chattanooga Community Center Washington Hills Community Center Wyatt Community Center.

Pickleball Lessons!

FREE introductory Pickleball clinics for 8 weeks offered at Batter's Place beginning September - October 27th at Batter's Place.
Each session is 1 hour long.

Wednesday

3:00-4:00 Pickleball 101 Adult 4:30-5:30 Pickleball 101 Adult 6:00-7:00 Pickleball 101 Adult 7:30-8:30 Pickleball 102 Adult

Thursday

9:00-10:00 Pickleball 101 Adult 10:30-11:30 Pickleball 102 Adult 1:30-2:30 Pickleball 101 Adult

Scan below to secure your spot!



TENNIS

Tennis Lessons (Youth and Adult)

An introductory eight week class for youth and adults taught by Champions Club professional staff, price \$80, begins week of September 8th. Please call 423-870-3112 to register.

Champions Club is partnering with the Tennessee Tennis Association to offer instruction to children ages 4 - 10.

For more information please visit Champions Club Rally Cats Tennis webpage:

rallycatstennis.com/champions-club

Adult Open Play

Not a fan of leagues, not a problem. Our professional staff will connect you with groups or individuals to recreate at your level, on your terms.

Want to be a Certified Tennis Instructor?

Champions Club has partnered with the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR), the largest tennis professional organization in the world to deliver three certification workshops at Champions Club, dates coming soon. Call 423-870-3112 for more information.

Champions Club is a championship level tennis facility that is FREE for walk ups or can be reserved for \$2 per person, per hour before 4 pm or \$3 per person, per hour after 4 pm.

Fall Hours: Now till Thanksgiving: 9 am - 9 pm Winter Hours December 1st - March 1st Monday -Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm Sundays CLOSED.

Interested in league play? Contact staff at Champions or call 423-870-3112 for more info!

More Courts!

Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors offers numerous tennis courts throughout town. To find courts near you, check out our interactive map at Chattanooga.gov/parks

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Pop-Up Co-Ed Volleyball: Registration through Sep.

Register at: chattanooga.perfectmind.com. Start: October 1st, 2025. 5:30 pm

Season: October 2025 - February 2026

(One game per month) Location: East Lake Center

CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL

Adult Co-Ed Flag Football, Season: 6 flag football

games, Location: Washington Hills

Community Center, Game Time: 6:00 PM, First

Game: October 8, 2025

SPRING ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Registration January 12th - March 27th Men's, Women's, Co-Ed, Church and Business leagues. \$550 per team. Included full season, post season and refs/umps. Games played at Summit of Softball in Collegedale. Join the hundreds that play yearly! Season starts in April. For more information, Call Kim Battle at 423-643-6052

REGISTER FOR SPORTS, CAMPS AND MORE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE or visit chattanooga.gov/parks











Download your copy of our swim schedules at www.chattanooga.gov and search "pools".

OUR INDOOR POOLS

Indoor pools at both Chris Ramsey and South Chattanooga Centers accommodate a variety of programs from swimming lessons for youth and adults to water fitness classes, swim team practices, and lifeguard training. Both of the indoor pools have locker rooms, showers, and climate controlled areas. In addition to classes, the pools are open for family and open swim periods, adult lap swimming, and private party rentals.

Always FREE and NO memberships are required, and everyone can expect quality programs presented by trained professionals in well maintained facilities.

Chris Ramsey Center (Brainerd Complex)

1010 North Moore Road 423-643-6220 Multi-use 4-Lane pool with 0 depth entry, 25 yard ramp with handrails Wheelchair accessible 3 feet to 5 feet depth

South Chattanooga Complex

1151 West 40th Street
423-643-6810
Multi-use 4-Lane pool with 0 depth entry, 25 yard ramp with handrails
Wheelchair accessible
3 feet to 5 feet depth

Aquatics Coordinator Peggy Grall 423-643-6608 pgrall@chattanooga.gov



SWIM LESSONS

Fall swim lessons are full for the season, however several classes will be offered January 13th/15th for 8 weeks. Tuesday or Thursday depending on age. Parks and Outdoors offers swim lessons for all ages at \$35 per individual for 8 half hour sessions over 8 weeks at South Chattanooga Center.

Registration date will be online ONLY January 2nd at 8 am. chattanooga.perfectmind.com

We offer beginner, advanced beginner for ages 3 and up, including adults. Choose 1 session and choose Tuesday or Thursday classes.

Session 1: January 13th - March 3rd

Session 2: March 10th - April 28th

Tuesday Classes

4:15 pm-beginner preschool ages 3-5 years 4:45 pm-advanced preschool ages 4-5 years 5:15 pm -beginner school ages K and up 5:45 pm- advanced school ages K and up 5:45 pm - intro to competitive swimming

Thursday classes
4:15 pm - beginner ages 5-6 only
4:45 pm - beginner school age K and up

4:45 pm - advanced beginner school age K and up 5:15-6 pm lifeguard in training program-age 14+

FREE WATER FITNESS

South Chattanooga Pool Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 10 am and Fridays at 9:15 am

Chris Ramsey Pool Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am

LIFEGUARD IN TRAINING CLASS

This free program will focus on skills needed to meet the prerequisites for the American Red Cross Lifeguard program. The class meets once a week for 12 weeks. This is a drop in program and you can attend as many classes as you want. Call Peggy Grall for latest times and information. For more info, call 423-643-6608



FITNESS:

CHATTANOOGA FITNESS CENTER-ALWAYS FREE!

3rd Street and Holtzclaw-Next to the Zoo. Open: Monday - Friday 9 am - 1 pm & 2 pm-7 pm For more information, please call 423-643-6600.

The facility is ADA accessible, FREE to the public and offers a variety of strength and cardiovascular machines, free weights and exercise classes. Ages 13 - 17 require guardian supervision.

FREE ONGOING CLASSES!

Total Body Fitness

A workout for all fitness levels! Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 am

Dance Fitness

A fun dance workout for all levels! Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 am

Fitness 101

Beginner fitness class to help achieve all goals. Featuring fun workouts and movements Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 5 pm - 5:45 pm



FREE EXERCISE IN A PARK

Outdoor Yoga

Sundays at Ross's Landing downtown next to the river. 7 pm - 8 pm through fall. No experience needed. Bring a mat and enjoy mindfulness!

Beginner Tai Chi Class

Join us for a fun, 4-week fitness program to build strength and balance.

Learn warm-up, cool down & basic movements taught by certified instructors.

Designed for seniors, but everyone benefits from this form of relaxing exercise.

Must commit to attend ALL 8 sessions except for illness/doctor appt!

Location: Greenway Farm Center Mondays and Wednesdays in October 10 am - 11 am

Call 423-209-8560 for more information or visit: hamilton.tennessee.edu/senior-fitness-classes/

OUTDOOR FITNESS ZONES

Outdoor fitness zones provide free anytime exercise equipment in an open air environment!

Locations:

Chris Ramsey Center Park,

Carver Park,
East Chattanooga Park,
Eastdale Park
Shepherd Park
Warner Park
East Lake Center Park
South Chattanooga Park
St. Elmo Park
The Main Terrain
beside the
Chattanoogan Hotel



Scan for your own copy of the Chattanooga Fitness Schedule and updated classes. Or visit: chattanooga.gov/parks





THERAPEUTIC RECREATION TEAM

The Therapeutic Recreation team of Chattanooga Parks and Outdoors Department seeks to provide leisure and recreation opportunities for citizens of all abilities.

Hiking

For individuals with disabilities and their family members who want to explore the beautiful trails in Chattanooga together each month! All trails are easy - moderate, and the group naturally splits up with a trail leader based on desired hiking speed.

Locations to come, but make sure to mark these dates on your calendar!

September:

Friday, Sept. 12th from 10 am-11:30 am Tuesday, Sept. 16th from 5:30 pm-7 pm

October:

Tuesday, Oct. 21st from 10 am-11:30 am Tuesday, Oct 28th from 1 pm-2:30 pm

November:

Saturday, Nov. 1st from 1 pm-3 pm Tuesday, Nov. 18th from 10 am-11:30 am

CONTACT: Nate at 423-643-6091 or at nsirmans@chattanooga.gov

Scenic City Adaptive Kayaking

An adaptive kayaking program for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities.
This FREE program typically runs biweekly for the warmer months of September - October.
Equipment is limited so sign up is mandatory!

Where: Booker T. Washington State Park or Chester Frost Park Contact Elaine Gossett to sign up and receive information about dates and timeseadams@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6058

Scenic City Adaptive Cycling

A FREE adaptive cycling program on the TN Riverwalk for individuals with disabilities, cosponsored by SPARC and Outdoor Chattanooga! Contact Elaine or Debbie to be matched up with a bike (equipment is limited), then you and a volunteer can enjoy the sights of the TN river, while improving fitness and balance!

Mondays, Sept 18th (6 pm -dusk)
Oct. 8th & 22nd (5:30 pm - dusk)
Located at the TN Riverpark at the Hubert Fry
Center (4301 Amnicola Hwy, 37402)
Contact Elaine Gossett at
eadams@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6058
*Please note that equipment is limited and
pre-registration is REQUIRED!

Catalyst Climbing Clinics

Catalyst Sports is a non-profit organization based out of Atlanta whose mission is as follows: to give people with physical disabilities access to the life-changing impact of adventure within a supportive and inclusive community. Visit: gocatalystsports.org for more.

Classes are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month through Dec. 17th From 6-8 pm at High Point Climbing Gym (219 Broad Street). FREE For ages 5+ Contact Jessie Mock at jmock@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6091

Climbing Higher Program

A 6 week indoor adaptive climbing program to improve strength and try something new. We have volunteer belayers to ensure safety, help teach techniques, and show you the ropes! For ages 6 and up.

Mondays in November through Dec. 8th.
From 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at High Point-downtown
Space is limited! Contact Ella Boeke at
eboeke@chattanooga.gov or (828) 808-1395
*This program consistently has a waitlist, so please
only sign up if you can commit to all 6 dates!

Pickleball/Cornhole

A FREE weekly pickleball and cornhole group to learn how to play, master skills, and improve your physical fitness! Did you know- Cornhole is now a sport in Special Olympics? We want to get a team going, so come practice with us!

For ages 15 and up; all skill levels welcome! Thursdays, Sep.18th-Oct. 30th

From 10:30 am-12 pm (first hour pickleball, last 30 minutes for cornhole)

East Lake Community Center (3601 Dodds Ave) Contact Ella at eboeke@chattanooga.gov or (828) 808-1395



Super Hoops

8 week intramural basketball program focusing on the sport, as well as social, physical, emotional, and cognitive skills. For individuals ages 12+.

Mondays through October 28th Times:

Skill Level 1 (Beginner/Intermediate): 5 pm-6 pm Skill Level 2 (Beginner/Intermediate): 6 pm-7 pm Skill Level 3 (Advanced): 7 pm-8 pm South Chattanooga Community Center (1151 W 40th St, 37409)

Contact: Elaine at eadams@chattanooga.gov or 423.643.6607

The Recreation League (Young Adults)

A monthly social and recreation group that meets in a variety of settings such as the bowling alley, viewing a sporting event, dining together and getting ice cream, playing games in the park, and more! For young adults with disabilities ages 18 - 25 years old. Participants need to exhibit adequate emotional regulation to be redirected verbally or with visual supports and not a harm to self or others.

Meetings take place monthly - get on the list to receive more information!

Sign up with Elaine to get on the list and learn more: eadams@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6058

Wheelchair Basketball

Monthly "pick-up games" with SPARC, which are designed to encourage skill development, recreational wheelchair basketball play opportunities and community awareness.

Hixson Community Center (5401 School Dr, Hixson, TN 37343)
Once a month on Saturdays
Nov 1st, Jan. 10th, Feb. 7th, March 7th
(December Date TBD)
10 am-12 pm
Contact Elaine at eadams@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6058 OR Debbie at got2runrunrun@yahoo.com or 423.488.8604

Intro to Sports

A FREE monthly introduction to sports program to learn the rules of 1-2 new sports, practice, and play! This program will introduce new recreation activities, build foundational sports skills, and increase physical fitness. Come ready to learn, play, and have fun! For teens and adults with disabilities and their siblings, Ages 13+ September - October, First Friday of each month, Different locations each month, depending on the sport!

Sept. 5th: Disc Golf and Boccia at Shepherd Park *Pro-am tournament Disc Golfer Ben Salser as Special Guest!

Oct. 3rd: Pickleball and Tennis @ TBD Each from 4 pm to 6 pm, 1 sport each hour Contact: Ella at eboeke@chattanooga.gov or (828) 808-1395

Knock 'Em Down Bowling

A weekly bowling group for individuals to come out and bowl together on a consistent basis with the TR staff! Have fun with old friends and meet some new ones! For ages 16 and up; all skill levels welcome!

WHEN: Wednesdays, Sept through Oct. 24th From 12 pm - 1:30 pm

Spare Time in Hixson (5530 Hixson Pike, 37343) COST: The bowling alley is giving us a 50% off rate with a \$7.99+tax price, which covers the allotted time and shoes and a ball (this is the rate even if you bring your own



T-Recs Teen Program

T-Recs is our teen social and recreation group that meets monthly to play games, socialize, explore the outdoors, go on outings into the community and more! The goal of this program is to increase social skills while participating in leisure and recreation opportunities with peers. For ages 13-17 years old. Participants need to exhibit adequate emotional regulation to be redirected verbally or with visual supports and not a harm to self or others.

Third Thursday of each month through Dec. From 4 pm - 6 pm

Greenway Farms Conference Center (4960 Gann Store Rd)

FREE with the exception of certain outings that may have a cost.

Contact Nate at nsirmans@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6091

Chillin' Like Villains

Chillin' Like Villains is an adult social group for individuals who have various disabilities, ages 18 and up. We meet once a month at different locations around town and do a variety of activities such as attending sporting events, potluck dinners, themed evenings, and much more.

Dates

Tuesday, Sept 9th, 6 pm - 8 pm Tailgate party at Walker Pavilion

Thursday, Oct. 23rd Giddy Up at Chester Frost Park

Saturday, November 8th 12 pm UTC Football game at Finley Stadium

Thursday, December 4th 6 pm - 8 pm Holiday Dance at Brainerd Crossroads

For more information, contact Ella at eboeke@chattanooga.gov or (828) 808-1395

Art Classes with the Chattery

The Chattery is a non-profit organization in Chattanooga that offers fun, affordable and accessible learning experiences for adults! Check out their website to learn more: thechattery.org

Each class will be focused on a different kind of craft and you will be able to take your creations home with you at the end. Sign up for one or all three classes; space is limited! For teens and adults with disabilities, ages 16+

Dates:

Tuesday, September 9th, 1 pm-2:30 pm Torn Paper Collages, \$5 per person

Tuesday, October 14th, 1 pm-2:30 pm High Flow Acrylics, \$10 per person

Tuesday, November 4th, 1 pm-3 pm Weaving, \$8 per person

Classes take place at Hixson Community Center. Contact Ella at 828-808-1395 or eboeke@chattanooga.gov.

Sign up the Therapeutic Recreation newsletter by scanning the QR code:





Bingo Fever & Games

WHAT: Morning bingo and other fun games to get you up and socializing. Come drink some coffee, eat some donuts, hang out with friends, and maybe even win a prize!

Fridays, Oct. 24th - Dec. 12th
From 10 am - 11:30 am
WHERE: Eastlake Community Center
Contact Ella at eboeke@chattanooga.gov or (828)
808-1395

Boogie Brigade and Jams

WHAT: Join us for an exciting dance and music program, as we explore some of the most popular viral dance trends, engage in fun music games and showcase trending choreography!

Ages 16 and up Thursdays, Nov. 6th - Dec. 18th From 10:30 am - 12 pm Shepherd Community Center (2124 Shepherd Rd) Contact Nate at nsirmans@chattanooga.gov or 423-643-6091

Dreamnights - Mark your calendars!

Dreamnights are events hosted by the Chattanooga Zoo that welcome all with chronic illnesses, disabilities or special needs along with their families/caregivers. Dreamnight is a no-cost VIP event featuring your favorite furry friends.

Dates:

Boo in the Zoo: Thursday, October 16th From 5 pm - 8 pm

Asian Lanterns Festival: Tuesday, December 9th From 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

You will sign up with the Chattanooga Zoo! We will send out the registration link once it is open! Therapeutic Recreation is not in charge of registration for either Dreamnight event.

Follow us on social! Search
"Chattanooga Therapeutic Recreation"







OUTDOOR CHATTANOOGA

Outdoor Chattanooga is a unique division of the City of Chattanooga's Parks and Outdoors Department. Our role is to promote and facilitate outdoor recreation, education and stewardship of the region's natural areas through a range of outdoor activities, exploration, and convening opportunities. Descriptions and more information about each program and event below can be found at www.outdoorchattanooga.com

Registrations for all programs open 2 weeks in advance of the program date, and additional participation information is then shared with those registered.

Programs are designed to lower the barrier of entry to the outdoors. They are low-cost, instructional, beginner friendly, and provide essential equipment, yet there may be specific eligibility or skill requirements for certain programs.

For more information, including detailed descriptions 13th and 27th. of our programs and events, visit outdoorchattanooga.com/calendar/

Our Programs and Events:

Learn To Series

Learn to Ride a Bike

Learn how to ride a bicycle in as little as one class, or come see us to refresh your rusty skills. This class consists of a set of exercises and balance drills that are designed to help beginner riders of all ages progress at their own speed and ability.

Tuesdays, September 9th, October 14th, December 9th, and March 10th.

Special "Holiday" Edition: Monday, December 30th

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Learn to Mountain Bike

Join Outdoor Chattanooga for our beginner friendly mountain bike clinics specifically designed for those who are new to mountain biking or have minimal off-road experience. We will be offering both an introduction to bike skills at the SORBA Riverfront skills pop-up, and intro to single track mountain biking on our Trail Quest clinics. Equipment is provided!

Bike Skills Fundamentals Clinic

Fridays, September 19th and October 10th

Trail Quest: Intro to Single Track Mountain Biking

Sundays, September 14th, October 5th and 26th, and November 9th.

Learn and Play Disc Golf

Start your disc golf journey! Our clinics are perfect for beginners, teaching you everything from proper throwing techniques to the rules of the game. We'll start with skills practice and then play a round on the course. All equipment is provided. Monday, October 1st, and Wednesdays, October

Bushcraft: Survival Skills

Our bushcraft series offers you the chance to learn a variety of essential outdoor skills to help you become less reliant on modern conveniences and build your confidence in the outdoors. Prepare for the unexpected!

Tuesdays, December 16th and January 6th, Saturday January 17th, and Sundays January 25th and February 15th.

Try Archery

Take aim at Outdoor Chattanooga's Try Archery class! This free, indoor class offers a hands-on opportunity to learn more about the sport of archery from our certified instructors. This class is taught using the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) equipment and procedures.

Walk-Ins (all ages): Every Tuesday and Thursday, January 13th through February 24th. Special Pin the Arrow on Cupid Adults Only Archery: February 13th

EXPLORER SERIES

The Explorer Series encourages individuals and groups to gain a greater sense of place by exploring the stories, histories, and habitats within Chattanooga's local and regional outdoor spaces. Explorer programs are best for individuals that have familiarity with the outdoors and featured recreational activities.

Full Moon Adventure Series

A variety of monthly beginner friendly adventures honoring the full moon and intended to connect us to nature and remind us that we exist within cycles far larger than our own.

Sat. Sept. 6th, Sat. Oct. 4th, Wed. Nov. 5th, Thurs. Dec. 4th, Sat. Jan. 3rd, Sun. Feb. 1st, Tues. Mar. 3rd

Take a Hike Series!

A collection of guided hikes designed to showcase the area's diverse wilderness areas. Great for beginner hikers or anyone interested in connecting with their local, natural landscapes.

Fall Colors Hikes: Sun. Oct. 19th, Sat. Nov. 11th, Winter Hikes: Sat. Dec. 6th, Sun. Dec. 14th, Sat. Feb. 14th, Sat. Feb. 21st

Wildflower Hikes: Sat. March 7th, Sat. March 21st

Night Hike: Friday, March 13th

Kayak Adventures

Explore our local waterways and experience nature from a new perspective with Outdoor Chattanooga on one of our guided, calm water paddles. No experience or equipment necessary—we'll provide everything you need!

Downtown Kayak

The best views of Chattanooga's iconic riverfront are from the water! Hop in a kayak and paddle the Tennessee River through the heart of downtown. Tues. Oct. 28th, Fri. Oct 31st Women's Only Sunrise Paddle: Friday, Oct. 17th

Fall Colors in the Tennessee River Gorge

Fall colors in Tennessee are hard to beat. Leaf peep like never before on this downstream paddle through the sandstone cliffs and vistas of the fourth largest canyon in the eastern United States. Saturdays, November 1st and 22nd

Sandhill Crane Migration at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge

The Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge is an important stopover for thousands of Sandhill Cranes on their migration south. Travel back in time to witness the migration of one of the planet's oldest living species of bird- from the water!

Saturdays, December 13th and 20th

Lost Town of Harrison

Experience Chattanooga's own city of Atlantis! Paddle amongst the ruins of the lost town of Harrison, a historic town flooded in the building of the Chickamauga Dam.
Saturdays, March 14th and 21st

Pedal to Paddle

Bike up the Riverwalk and kayak back to your car on this classic Chattanoogan dual-sport adventure! Fridays, September 12th and October 3rd

For more information on the programs listed, times, cost and locations, scan the OR code below!





FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE

Whereas most of our programs are open to anyone interested, these events and activities are specifically designed for adventurers of all ages. Bring the whole family and begin your exploration of the outdoors together!

The Search for Bigfoot:

A Family-Friendly Adventure for National Take a Hike Day. Explore Chattanooga's scenic trails, follow clues, and keep your eyes peeled on a thrilling Bigfoot Scavenger hunt! Sunday, November 16th

Notes in Nature

Join us on an "ArtDoors" musical adventure that is free, fun, and open to all ages. This is a self-guided walk along park trails to discover and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature- as well as musical performers!

Sunday, November 2nd

Family Fun Day

Try archery, take a stroll, or borrow a canoe for a family excursion at Greenway Farms! This drop-in style event is free fun for all ages.
Sundays, October 12th

Toddler Treks

Toddler Treks is tailored for outdoor adventurers ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome with parental/guardian supervision. Don't miss out on this opportunity to build, dig, and explore with your child, and watch their curiosity blossom through unguided, nature-based play!

First Saturday of the Month, September 6th through March 7th

Silver Adventures

For adults 50 and above, Silver Adventures is an opportunity to enjoy beginner-friendly, outdoor experiences curated to foster an active lifestyle, social connection, and a spirit of exploration– all under the guidance of our experienced instructors. Thursdays, Sept 18th, Oct 17th, Nov 6th, Dec 11th, and March 26th

EVENTS WITH PARTNERS

Paddle the Gorge with the Tennessee River Gorge Trust

Thursdays, September 11th and 25th and October 9th

National Park Partners - Voices of History through Recreation

Saturdays, September 13th and October 25th

Renaissance Park Bird Sit with the Tennessee Aquarium

Saturday, October 11th

Guided Hike with the Appalachian Conservation Institute

Friday, November 14th

Barnard Astrological Society Telescope Workshop

Saturday, January 24th

Workshops

Outdoor Chattanooga's workshops are classroom-based outdoor educational classes designed by our partners and team to inspire and learn about all things outdoors. Most are open to all ages and abilities. Whether we're learning about mushrooms, turning old climbing ropes into crafts, or learning about new trails and native plants, workshops are a weekly series to gain more experience in the great outdoors.

Winter workshops are held on Thursday evenings from January 15th - March 19th. A full schedule with topics will be announced at outdoorchattanooga.com later this Fall.

Follow us on social! Search "Outdoor Chattanooga"





BROWN ACRES GOLF COURSE

Located just off I-75, minutes from Hamilton Place Mall, this course is popular with locals and tourists alike. It features a challenging 18-hole course and a new driving range. The newly constructed clubhouse provides a full-service snack bar and pro shop. Tee times are available up to 5 days in advance.

18 holes Driving Range Pro Shop Snack Bar Tee Times 7 Days a Week

MORE INFO:

406 Brown Road (423) 855-2680

Manager: Wayne Orr.

Email: worr@chattanooga.gov

BRAINERD GOLF COURSE

As one of the city's oldest, this course was designed by architect, Donald Ross, and features lots of rolling acreage and mature trees. The course has a full-service pro shop and snack bar and leagues and lessons are readily available for all ages and abilities. A full-service snack bar and pro shop are located in the renovated turn of the century clubhouse. Tee times are available up to 5 days in advance.

18 holes Pro Shop Snack Bar Tee Times 7 Days a Week

MORE INFO:

5203 Old Mission Road (423) 855-2692

Manager: Edwin Prichard

Email: eprichard@chattanooga.gov

ANNUAL PASS INFO ANNUAL PASS:

Sold in January only. Best deal in town!

HALF PRICE ANNUAL PASS

This golf pass entitles the holder to half-price green fees and half-price cart fees. The pass may be used at Brainerd of Brown Acres, Monday through Friday only, excluding holidays. The pass is \$500 Everyone pays the same initial cost. Golfers will realize their discount when they pay half of the appropriate fee at the pro shop counter.

Anyone who plays, or wants to play, Brainerd and Brown Acres Monday through Friday, rents a cart, and plays more than 40 times in a year can enjoy the savings. The more the pass holder plays, the more he or she saves. This pass is perfect for the golfer that enjoys playing the majority of his or her rounds during the week when the courses are less crowded.

This pass entitles the holder to free green fees anytime, 7 days a week. They are course specific but can be upgraded to include both courses.

One Course	Both Courses
Single \$1260.00	\$1410.00
Family (spouse +2) \$1425.00	\$1575.00
add family member: \$200	\$200.00
Senior \$980.00	\$1130.00
Senior Couple \$1175.00	\$1325.00
Junior \$315.00	\$465.00

Learn more at: chattanooga.gov/parks/pub lic-golf-courses

Book a Tee Time, Scan the QR Code for more info.





Located in Warner Park.

Open daily 9 am to 5pm. More at chattzoo.org

Upcoming Events

Home School Days

Homeschool Days provide fun and educational field trips specifically designed with our homeschool community in mind! Plus, enjoy discounted admission rates only available for homeschoolers and their parents!

September 5th and 12th

9:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Banana Ball 2025

Join us for a safari soiree at the wildest gala in town! Enjoy inspiring presentations from participants of various Chattanooga Zoo programs, internships, and volunteer opportunities as they share career aspirations, passions, and vital skills developed at the Zoo. Don't miss their compelling stories as they discuss their successes and the impact the Chattanooga Zoo has had on their lives. The evening of September 27th.

Fall Break camp is coming up, too! It's October 13th - 17th

Boo in the Zoo

Chattanooga Zoo's annual Halloween celebration includes trick-or-treating, family-friendly decorations, costume shows, a bounce house, character meet and greets with Magic Lamp Entertainment and more! Enjoy an evening of costumes, critters and candy at the Zoo! Fridays and Saturdays, October 10th - 31st.



Frights and Pints

Enjoy your favorite beer and wine as you tour the Zoo in your Halloween costume, dance to a live DJ, and check out wild decorations, trick-or-treat stations, and special animal enrichment activities. With general admission, you'll receive 3 drink tickets (with additional available for purchase) and an exclusive Frights and Pints 16-ounce cup. Thursday, October 23rd.

Asian Lantern Festival - Forest of Fantasy

Tour the Zoo at night and view over 40 distinct displays, including a massive sculpture teeming with plant and animal life. Plus, interactive displays and games encourage touching, swinging, stomping, playing, and more!

November 21st - January 17th (Wednesdays - Sundays) with extra dates around the holidays.

For all zoo events and daily activities, visit chattzoo.org or scan the qr code below!





STEWARDS OF OUR **PROGRAMS, PARKS AND EVENTS**

Volunteers are a valuable asset to the Parks and Outdoors Department - providing time, talent, and resources to help ensure the health and accessibility Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast of the park system and recreation programs of all kinds. Volunteers also have the opportunity to help mentor, educate and expand our reach.

WAYS TO HELP

Volunteer tasks include: Park Clean-ups and Landscaping Youth team coaches Outdoor Adventure Recreation **Volunteers Trail Stewards Action Sports** Volunteers Outreach and Event Volunteers Recreation Ambassadors Chattanooga Tree Project

Volunteers are needed nearly every day to support our parks and programs. Email us at DPOINFO@chattanooga.gov and we can work with you on opportunities that meet your schedule and interests. Call 423-643-6121 or chattanooga.gov/ parks



UPCOMING VOLUNTEER **OUTREACH AND EVENT DAYS**

September 27th: Help us restore Citizens' Cemetery next to UTC for Public Lands Day! Restore headstones, landscape TLC and more. 9 am

Tennessee River Rescue: Saturday, October 4th at Greenway Farm at 9 am

November 15th. 10 am at Walker Pavilion in Coolidge Park

MLK Day of Service: Monday January 19th Park clean-ups and projects.

World Wetlands Day: Saturday February 2nd. Park clean-ups and projects.

Weed Wrangle Day! First Saturday in March!

The Chattanooga Tree Project aims to plant over 700 trees in local parks this winter. We need volunteers to help us nearly double the number of trees planted last year. No experience is necessary; we'll provide all the supplies and training you need. Official dates are still to be announced, but check out our website (chattanoogatreeproject.org) and sign up for the Chattanooga Tree Project Newsletter for opportunities to volunteer to help us create shadier, more beautiful parks for our city!

If you would like to host a cleanup at a park or for more information on times, events and how to sign up, scan the code with your smart phone or visit chattanooga.gov/parks/volunteer.





Art in a Park: Renaissance Park Highlights

Renaissance Park, intentionally designed to foster the return of native plants and animals to a once polluted industrial site on the TN River, offers a unique blend of wilderness and art. As you explore its pockets of wild trees, native plants, wetlands, and meadows, you'll discover a thriving ecosystem of wildlife, as well as opportunities to take in natural vistas, public art and historic markers.

For an immersive experience with art and nature, you'll want to explore the entire park to uncover all of its hidden wonders. Here are just a few:

"High Four" by Louise Peterson

If you come to slide down 'cardboard hill' don't forget to give "High Four" a high five on your way out. This beloved Great Dane sculpture, once located at the Walnut Street Bridge, has found a happy new home in Renaissance Park, frequently greeted by kids and dogs alike.

"Place in the Woods" by Carol Mickett and Robert Stackhouse

The bronze and brass sculpture was created to provide an unusual retreat from the bustle of city life. Nestled in a wood of native plants and trees, the sculpture is intended to be a transformative place that at once evokes a grove of trees as well as the flowing bend of the Tennessee River. We invite you to come, sit, contemplate and discover your own place in the woods.

"Ascending Path" by Aaron Hussey & Brad Bourgoyne

The sculpture pays homage to those who have passed through the area by force or by choice. Acknowledging this place on the River was once home to the Cherokee, who were forcibly removed during the Trail of Tears.

Musicians inspired by Nature

Look for small signs by trees. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to hear how TN musicians are inspired by trees, like the Tulip Poplar. nature.org/iftreescouldsing/anniesellick

Rhyme & Chatt's Poetry Pathway

Look for the bright green signs marking Rhyme N Chatt's Poetry Pathway at Renaissance Park, connecting you to the landscape through poetry. Scan QR-coded signs along the walking paths to read and listen to poems inspired by the park's beauty.







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CHATTANOOGA NATIONAL PARK CITY*

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What is a National Park City?

A National Park City is a global designation that recognizes cities committed to improving life for people, nature, and the planet. It's a vision and a community-wide effort to make urban areas greener, healthier, and more connected to nature. The movement was conceived by a member of National Geographic who wanted to challenge the idea that you have to leave cities to enjoy nature. A core feature of this movement is the widespread commitment to ensuring people, culture, and nature work together to provide a better foundation for life.

Why Chattanooga?

Chattanooga became the first National Park City in North America in April 2025. Our city was chosen for its dramatic natural landscapes, revitalized urban parks, and strong community conservation efforts. We also have a vibrant culture of outdoor activity and preservation. The designation reinforces Chattanooga's reputation as a city deeply connected to nature and highlights its transformation from a once-polluted city to a model for urban revitalization. Chattanooga is the third National Park City in the world, joining London (2019) and Adelaide, Australia (2021).

What this Means for Chattanooga

Becoming a National Park City brings several benefits to our community:

Environmental: The designation promotes the protection of natural resources and biodiversity, including forests, rivers, and native plants.

Educational: It teaches the community and other cities how to work together collectively.

Recreational: It shows that we provide opportunities for outdoor and recreational activities that promote physical and mental well-being.

Cultural: The designation highlights our commitment to protecting and promoting our community's cultural heritage, including important historical and sacred sites.

Economic: It can boost eco-tourism, attract visitors interested in outdoor recreation, and support local businesses that align with green values. While the recognition itself doesn't come with direct funding, it can help attract partnerships and investments in green initiatives.

How it Works

The Chattanooga National Park City movement is a city led and community-driven initiative led by the Department of Parks and Outdoors, with active participation from residents, organizations, and local leaders. The vision is guided by a community-developed

Charter, which was co-authored and supported by over 60 local leaders. This Charter outlines shared commitments in key areas, such as access to nature, environmental stewardship, and cultural celebration.

A key focus of this movement is making nature and green spaces accessible to everyone, regardless of neighborhood or background. The initiative honors cultural diversity through art, history, and play, with a goal of ensuring all communities are included in shaping the city's future. This designation is not only an achievement, but also means accountability and continued work to make our city greener, healthier and wilder!

CITY INAMEDIA



