



Public Green Space

Our Environment
in the City of Lexington



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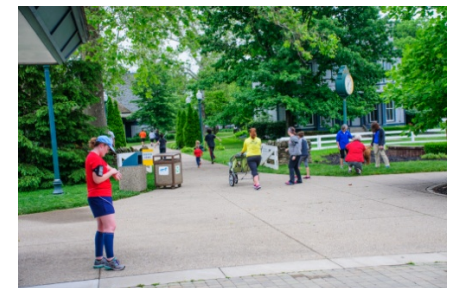
Green Space

- **Definition:** Land that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.



- Includes:

- Parks
- Community gardens
- Cemeteries
- Schoolyards
- Playgrounds
- Public seating areas
- Vacant lots

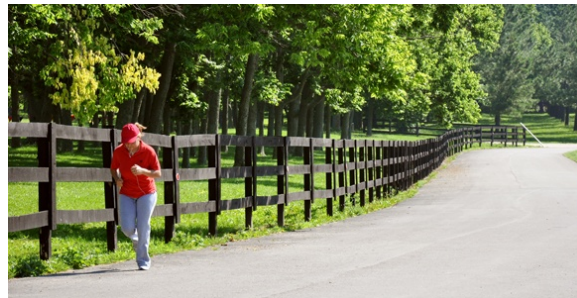


Benefits of Green Space

- Environmental



- Health



- Economic and Social



Urban Advantages and Environmental Benefits

- **Water** quality protection
- Reduced heat buildup and local **temperatures**
- Reduced **soil** erosion
- Improved **air** quality
- **Natural resource conservation** through reduced heating and cooling costs
- Reduce **pollution**
- **Rainfall** retention

Mental Health and Function

- **An Urban Respite-** for short-term and chronic mental illness
- **Attention Fatigue and Recovery-** encourages learning, inquisitiveness, and alertness
- **Cognitive Function-** learning and memory in the workplace, college, with children
- **Mental Illness and Nature Response-** dementia, ADD, stress relief and depression

Economic and Social

- Higher **property values**
- Increases **job satisfaction** in areas with a view of green space
- Draws and **retains customers** in shopping districts
- Increases **tourism**
- Increases **sense of community**



Our Public Green Spaces in Lexington



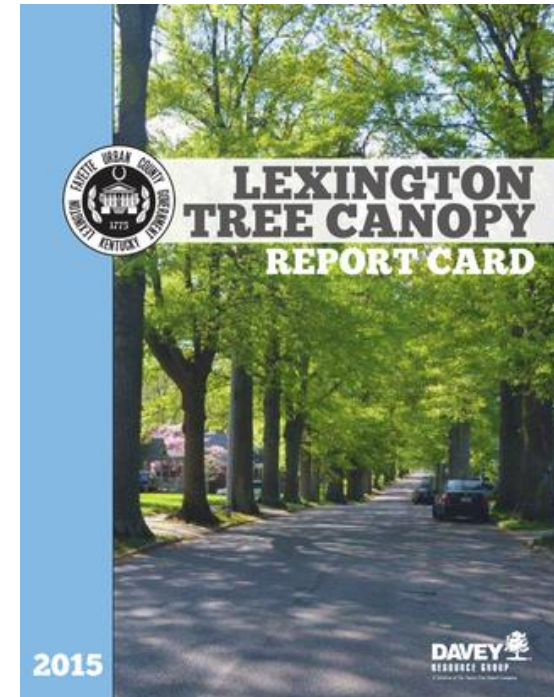
- **Parks- 5,657 acres total**
 - Community- 1,996 acres
 - Golf Courses- 579 acres
 - Historic Buildings- 4.7 acres
 - Mini Parks- 2 acres
 - Neighborhood-1,802 acres
 - Private (Triangle Park)- 1.2 acres
 - Special Use- 33 acres
 - State Owned- 1,239 acres

- **Greenways- 1,431 acres total**



Lexington's Public Green Space

- < 15% of Lexington's Green Space is publicly owned
- Lexington's **tree canopy** in its urban service area (public and private) is <24% canopy cover



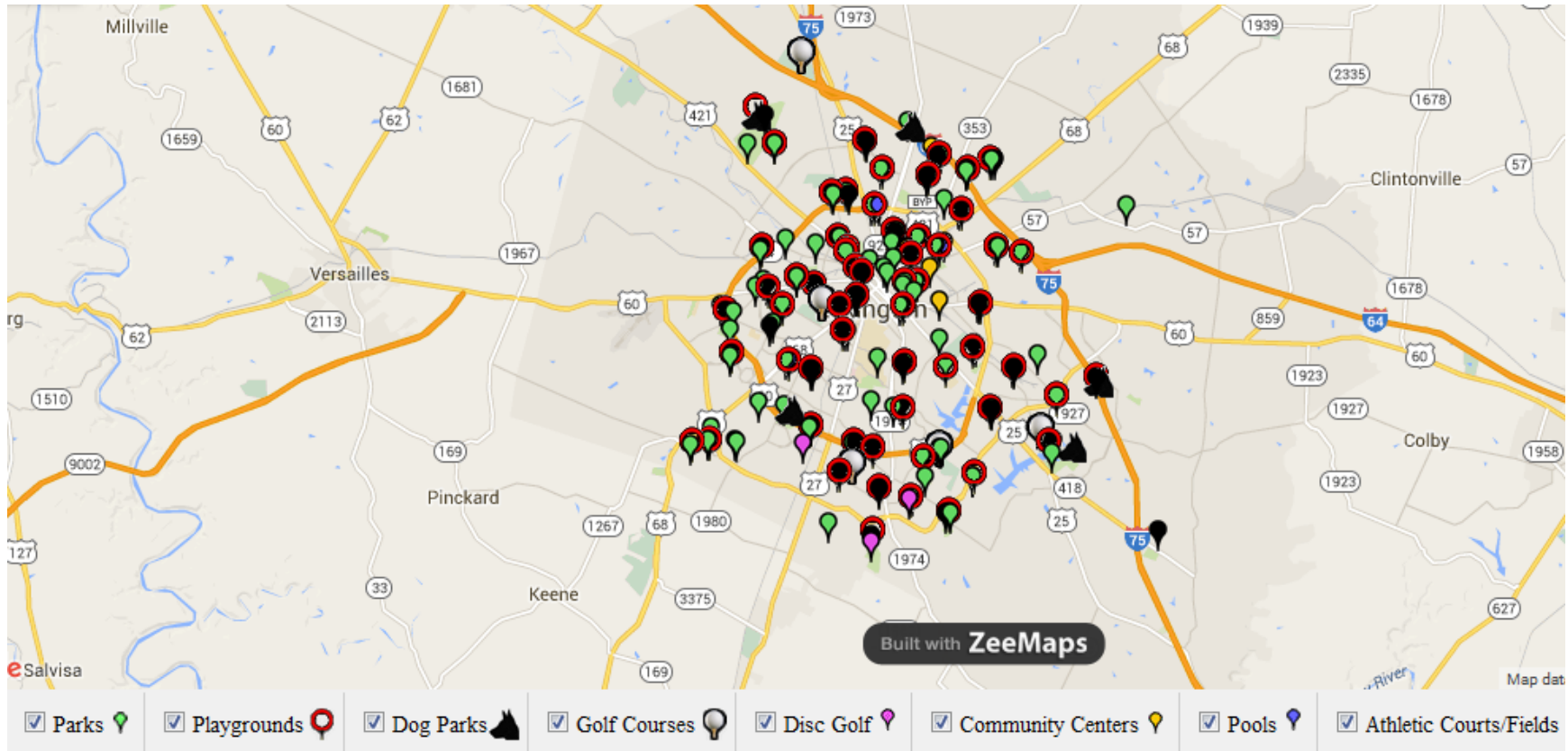
Lexington's 104 Public Parks



**PARKS
& RECREATION**
LEXINGTON, KY

Addison Park · Artworks at the Carver School · Athens Ballfield Complex · Beaumont Park
Beaumont Preserve · Bell House · Bell Place · Belleau Woods Park · Berry Hill Park
Berry Hill Skate Park · Brighton Rail Trail · Brucetown Park · Burley Park
Cardinal Run Park South · Castlewood Aquatic Center · Castlewood Community Center
Castlewood Park · Charles Young Park · Cheapside Park · Citation Village Trail · Clemens Park
Clay's Spring Park · Coldstream Park · Coldstream Dog Park · Constitution Park · Coolavin Park
Cross Keys Park · Deer Haven Park · Dixie Park · Dogwood Park · Donaldson Park
Douglass Park · Douglass Pool · Downtown Arts Center · Dunbar Community Center · Duncan Park
Eastland Park · Ecton Park · Elizabeth Street Park · Elkhorn Park · Gainesway Park
Garden Springs Park · Gardenside Park · Gay Brewer, Jr. Golf Course at Picadome · Gratz Park
Gleneagles Greenway · Gleneagles Trail · Green Acres Park · Hamburg Trail · Harrods Hill Park
Hartland Park · Higbee Mill Park · Highlands Park · Hill N Dale Park · Hisle Farm Park · Idlehour Park
Isaac Murphy Art Garden · Jacobson Dog Park · Jacobson Park · Jacobson Park Marina
Johnson Heights Park · Kearney Hill Golf Links · Kenawood Park · Kenwick Community Center
Kenwick Park · Kirklevington Park · Kirklevington Skate Spot · Lakeside Golf Course · Lakeview Park
Lansdowne-Merrick Park · Legacy Trail · Liberty Park · Lou Johnson Park · Mapleleaf Forest Park
Marlboro Park · Martin Luther King Park · Mary Todd Park · Masterson Hills Park
Masterson Station Dog Park · Masterson Station Park · McConnell Springs Nature Park
Meadowbrook Golf Course · Meadowbrook Park · Meadowthorpe Park · Moondance Amphitheater
Mount Tabor Park · Northeastern Park · Oakwood Park · Phoenix Park · Picadome Pool
Pine Meadows Park · Pleasant Ridge Park · Preston's Springs Park · Pyramid Park
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary · River Hill Park · Shillito Park · Shillito Pool · Smith Street Park
Southend Park · Southland Aquatic Center · Southland Park · South Elkhorn Trail · Southpoint Park
Speigle Heights Park · Spindletop Trail · Squires Road Trail · Stonewall Park
Tates Creek Aquatic Center · Tates Creek Golf Course · Tates Creek Center · Thompson Road Park
Thoroughbred Park · Town Branch Trail · University of Kentucky Arboretum · Valley Park
Veterans Park · Waverly Park · Wellington Dog Park · Wellington Park · Wellington Trail
West Hickman Trail · Whitney Young Park · Wildwood Park
William Wells Brown Community Center · Wolf Run Park · Woodhill Park · Woodland Aquatic Center
Woodland Park · Woodland Skate Park · Woodward Heights Park · Zandale Park

LFUCG Parks Map



LFUCG Parks and Recreation



- **MISSION:** To provide high quality park land, facilities, open space and to efficiently facilitate programs, events and services, promote wellness and quality of life for all.
- Monica Conrad, Director

McConnell Springs



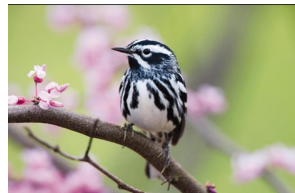
- **26-acre** natural pocket within an industrial area
- > 1.5 miles of **trails** wander around the sinking springs, vegetation, stone fences, and vestiges of historical buildings
- >130 species of **plants**, >120 species of **birds** and numerous other species of urban wildlife reside in or visit the park



Raven Run Nature Sanctuary



- **734-acre** nature sanctuary dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of the Kentucky River Palisades and early Kentucky history
- > 10 miles of hiking **trails** provide access to streams, meadows and woodlands
- > 600 species of **plants**
- > 200 species of **birds** utilize the area



Raven Run

Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
Lexington - Fayette Urban County Government
Division of Park & Recreation
Lexington, Kentucky
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40+ Shared Use, Paths, Walking, Hiking Trails in Lexington

Addison Park
Arboretum Trail
Beaumont Preserve
Belleau Woods Park
Brighton Rail Trail
Cardinal Run South Park
Citation Village Trail
Coldstream Park
Constitution
Cross Keys Park
Day Treatment Center Trail
Dogwood Trace Park
Douglass Park
Elizabeth Street
Gainesway Park
Gardenside Park
Garden Springs Park
Gleneagles Greenway
Gleneagles Trail
Hamburg Trail
Harrod Hill Park
Hartland Park
Higbee Mill Park



Hisle Park
Kirklevington Park
Lakeview Park
Lansdowne-Merrick Park
Legacy Trail
Liberty Park Trail
Martin Luther King Park
Mary Todd Park
Masterson Station Park
McConnell Springs Park
Meadowbrook Park
Mount Tabor Park
Pine Meadows
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary
Riverhill Park
Shillito Park/ Lafayette Trail
South Elkhorn
Southpoint Park
Spindletop Trail
Squires Road Trail
Stonewall Park
Town Branch Trail
Valley Park
Veterans Park
Veterans Park
Waverly Park
Wellington Park

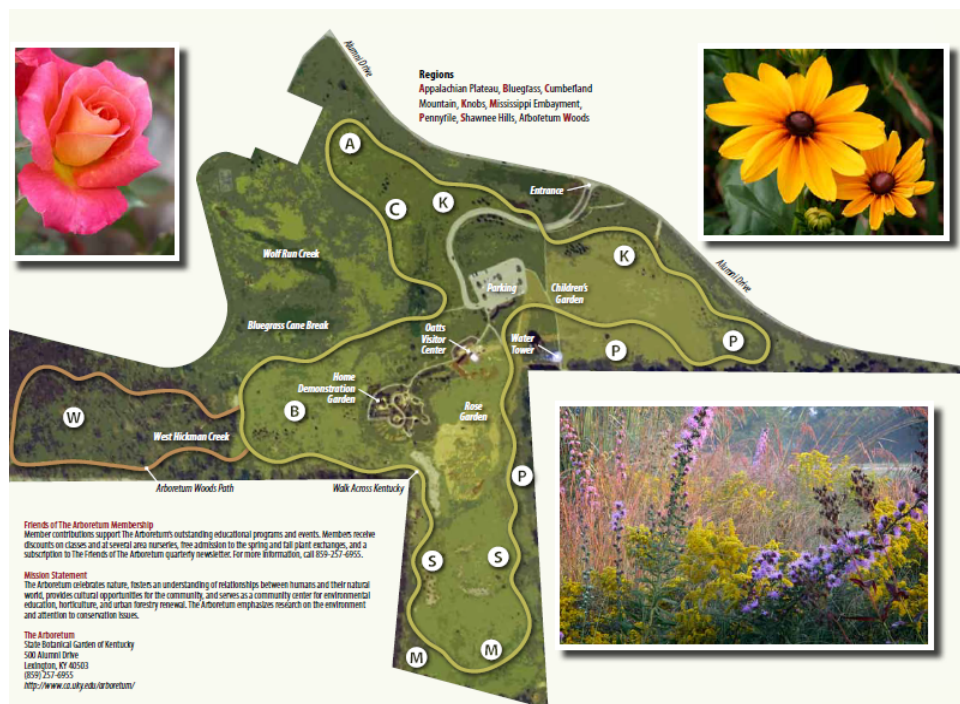


UK Arboretum



The Arboretum
State Botanical Garden of Kentucky

- The state's **100-acre** botanical garden
- Walk Across Kentucky**- two-mile paved walk that includes a unique collection of Kentucky native plants
- Owned and operated by the **University of Kentucky** and **LFUCG** with support of **Friends of the Arboretum**



Private Parks, State Property and Preserves



Floracliff Nature Sanctuary

- 287-acre nature preserve located in the palisades region of the Kentucky River in southern Fayette County

Lexington Cemetery

- 170 acres with over 200 species of trees and a Tree Walk



Kentucky Horse Park

- 1200 acres park dedicated to man's relationship to the horse, opened to the public



Ashland, The Henry Clay Estate

- 17 acres with 40 different varieties of trees



The Legacy Trail

- 12 mile multi-use trail



Green Spaces

Lexington Parks and Recreation

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/index.aspx?page=253>

UK Arboretum

<https://arboretum.ca.uky.edu/>

Floracliff Nature Sanctuary

<http://www.floracliff.org/>

Lexington Cemetery

<http://www.lexcem.org/>

Kentucky Horse Park

<http://www.kyhorsepark.com/>

Ashland Estate

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