

Town of Luray Parks & Recreation Department Information

The Town of Luray Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the operation and management of seven parks, consisting of approximately 300 acres of parkland located in and around Luray, Virginia.

The first and largest park is *Lake Arrowhead Park*, built in the early 1970's and located approximately two miles outside of the Town of Luray limits. *Lake Arrowhead* offers a 34-acre lake with fishing, boating, canoe and paddleboat rentals, a white sand beach for swimming, and a concession stand. There are six picnic shelters with restroom facilities, a baseball field, playground areas, and two miles of marked hiking trails. Total acreage of the park is 134.

The second park, *Luray Recreational Park*, built in the early 1990's, partially with funding from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Transportation, consists of approximately 58 acres, 28 of which have been developed. *Luray Recreation Park* offers one lighted combination softball/football field with press box, one lighted senior league baseball field with press box, one lighted Little-League baseball field with press box, one unlighted Little-League baseball field, one unlighted men's softball field, one unlighted soccer field, and a concession/meeting/restroom building. Also located at the *Luray Recreation Park* is a Robert Leathers designed wooden playground, the Imagination Station, a smaller restroom facility, a one mile Fit-Trail walking trail, and two picnic shelters that are available for daily rental. In 2004 the additional 30 acres was graded in preparation for continued development. The park master plan for this area includes a pool, community center, tennis and basketball courts.

The third and fourth parks we are responsible for maintaining are small neighborhood parks. The first being the *Luray Inn Lawn Park*, located across from the Page Public Library which consists of a community gazebo, picnic areas, and playground equipment. The Bluemont Concert series is held each summer at this park. The second community park is *Eugene Park*, located on Rosser Drive. This park consists of picnic areas and playground equipment. These two parks have a total acreage of 11.

The fifth and sixth parks we are responsible for are the unique "pocket" parks. The "*Slye Pocket Park*" is located on East Main Street and is a small park with landscaping, picnic tables and benches. The "*Cave Pond Park*" is located on West Main Street and includes a one acre pond with a lighted fountain, a handicapped fishing dock, covered picnic tables and benches. The total acreage of both parks is 20.

Last but certainly not least, is our beautiful award-winning *Luray-Hawksbill Greenway* located along the Hawksbill Creek in downtown Luray. This linear park features a 10' wide paved walking pathway with benches and picnic tables which parallel the Trout-stocked Hawksbill Creek. Phase #1 of this planned 4-phase trail, which is ½ mile in length, was completed in the Spring of 2002. This phase runs from the Commuter Park-and-Ride (at the intersection of Route 211 Bypass and Route 340 North) to Main Street. Phase #2, completed in 2003, crosses Main Street, runs for about ½ mile, and stops at the Route 340 (Farm Bureau) Bridge. This phase includes a beautiful plaza area with swings, an arbor, and also another small cliffside pocket park with considerable landscaping, a drinking fountain, picnic tables and benches. In 2004 a ramp was installed under Main Street to ensure that trail users would have a safe passageway. Phase #3, completed in 2005, runs from the Park-and-Ride area under Route 211 Bypass and makes a large loop. This phase also traverses our Riparian area. To date, three phases of the trail have been completed at a total trail distance of approximately 1-3/4 miles.

We here at the Town of Luray are very proud of our park system and strive to keep each park beautiful, clean, and safe for all to enjoy.