

## Recreational Resources

### **Overview: Recreational Resources**

The Town's 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 the Town.

Luray's largest park is Lake Arrowhead Park, built in the early 1970s and located approximately two miles outside of the Town's 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. The total acreage of the park is 134 acres.



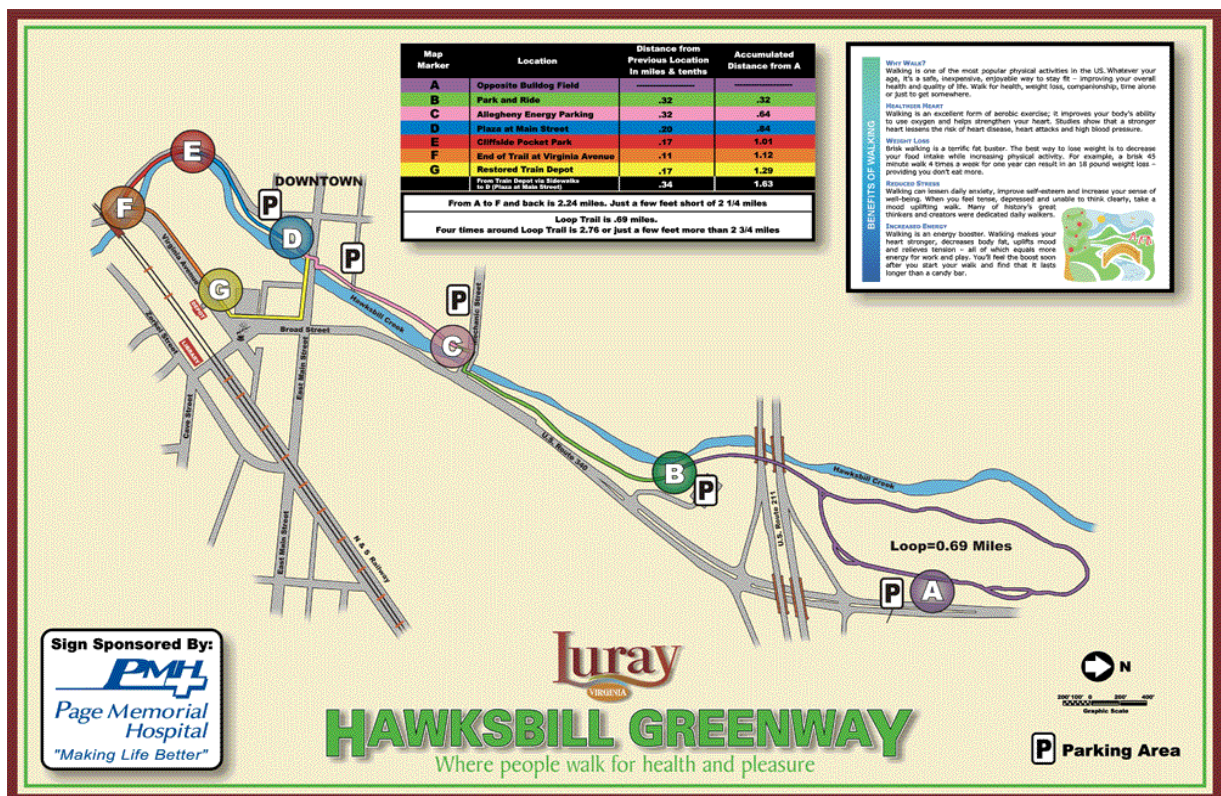
The Luray Recreation Park, was built in the early 1990s partially with funding from the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Virginia Department of Transportation. This park consist of approximately 58 acres, 28 acres of a lighted and unlighted softball/football field, an unlighted senior league baseball field, a lighted and unlighted Little League baseball field, an unlighted soccer field, and a multi-purpose building used for meetings, concessions, and restrooms. Also located at the Luray Recreation Park is a wooden playground with a smaller restroom facility, a one-mile walking trail, and picnic shelters available for rental. In 2004, an additional 30 acres were graded in preparation for continued development.

The Town maintains several other smaller neighborhood and “pocket” parks throughout the Town. The Luray Inn Lawn Park is located across from the Page Public Library and consists of a community gazebo, picnic areas, and playground equipment. Eugene Park, located on Rosser Drive, is a community green which often serves an area for picnics and informal recreational activities. The Carillion Pond Park is located on West Main Street and includes one acre pond with a lighted fountain and picnic shelters. Slye Pocket Park is located on East Main Street and is a small park with landscaping, picnic tables, and benches.

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### Luray-Hawksbill Greenway

The Luray-Hawksbill Greenway located along the Hawksbill Creek in Luray. The linear park features a 10-foot wide paved walking pathway with benches and picnic tables which parallel the Hawksbill Creek. Phase One of this planned four-phased trail, which is ½ mile in length, was completed in the spring of 2002. This phase runs from the commuter park-and-ride (located at the intersection of Route 211 Bypass and Route 340 North) to Main Street. Phase Two, completed in 2003, crosses Main Street, and for approximately ½ mile before stopping at the Route 340 (Farm Bureau) bridge. This phase includes a beautiful plaza area with landscaping, a drinking fountain, picnic tables and benches. Phase Three, completed in 2005, runs from the park-and-ride area under the Route 211 Bypass and makes a large loop. This phase is approximately ¾ of a mile in length and transverses a riparian area. To date the total trail distance is approximately 1 ¾ miles.



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