



ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
LEISURE SERVICES
DEPARTMENT

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FACILITY DIRECTORY

Administrative Offices	205 Old Commerce Rd, 30607	706-613-3800
Bear Hollow Zoo	293 Gran Ellen Dr, 30606	706-613-3580
Ben Burton Park	Mitchell Bridge Rd, 30606	706-613-3801
Boulevard Woods Park	298 Barber Street, 30601	706-613-3801
Bishop Park	705 Sunset Dr, 30606	706-613-3589
Dudley Park	100 Dudley Park Rd, 30601	706-613-3801
East Athens Community Center	400 McKinley Dr., 30601	706-613-3593
East Athens Educational Dance Center	390 McKinley Dr, 30601	706-613-3624
Holland Youth Sports Complex	250 Vincent Dr, 30607	706-613-3604
Lay Park	297 Hoyt St, 30601	706-613-3596
Lyndon House Arts Center	293 Hoyt St, 30601	706-613-3623
Memorial Park	293 Gran Ellen Dr., 30606	706-613-3580
Morton Theatre	195 W. Washington St, 30601	706-613-3770
North Oconee River Park	MLK Parkway at Willow Street	706-613-3801
North Oconee River Greenway	Along the North Oconee River	706-613-3801
Reese and Pope Park	375 Reese St, 30601	706-613-3801
Rocksprings Park	291 Henderson Ext, 30606	706-613-3602
Sandy Creek Nature Center	205 Old Commerce Road, 30607	706-613-3615
Sandy Creek Park	400 Bob Holman Rd, 30607	706-613-3631
Satterfield Park	3028 Cherokee Rd, 30605	706-613-3871
Southeast Clarke Park	4440 Lexington Rd, 30605	706-613-3871
Tennis Center	4460 Lexington Rd, 30605	706-613-3991
Trail Creek Park	200 Trail Creek St, 30601	706-613-3991

ADOPT-A-STREAM

Adopt-A-Stream is a volunteer program designed to increase public awareness of non-point source pollution and water quality issues, provide citizens with the tools and training to evaluate and protect their local waterways, encourage partnerships between citizens and their local government, and collect baseline water quality data. Adopt-A-Stream programs are scheduled throughout the year through Sandy Creek Nature Center.

PHONE: 706-613-3615

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreeknaturecenter

ADOPT AN ANIMAL (Bear Hollow Zoo)

This program allows individuals to sponsor a zoo resident of his/her choice. Donations are used for animal food, exhibits, and wildlife education. This is a sponsorship program. The donor does not take ownership of the animal.

PHONE: 706-613-3580

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/bearhollow

ADVOCACY GROUPS

The Department benefits from the service and support of several advocacy groups. To learn more about these groups, please contact the facility.

FRIENDS OF ATHENS CREATIVE THEATRE (F.A.C.T): 706-613-3628

LYNDON HOUSE ARTS FOUNDATION: 706-613-3623

MORTON THEATRE CORPORATION: 706-613-3770

OCONEE RIVERS GREENWAY COMMISSION: 706-613-3801

PRIDE (PARENT REINFORCEMENT IN DANCE EDUCATION):
706-613-3624

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER, INC.: 706-613-3615, ext. 235

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Department offers after school programs at East Athens Community Center, Lay Park, and Rocksprings Park during the school year.

EAST ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER: 706-613-3593

LAY PARK: 706-613-3596

ROCKSPRINGS PARK: 706-613-3603

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

ANNUAL PASSES/PERMITS

Annual park passes are available for purchase at Sandy Creek Park. Permits are valid for 12 months and provide unlimited admission to Sandy Creek Park for two adults and all children under eighteen years of age living in the household.

Phone: 706-613-3631

Website: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

Annual pool passes are available for purchase at all five pools and both splash pads. Pool passes may be used at all pools and splash pads.

Phone: 706-613-3589, ext. 226

Website: www.athensclarkecounty.com/aquatics

AQUATICS

The Department maintains five outdoor swimming pools and two splash pads. The pools open Memorial Day weekend and typically close the first week of August. Splash pads open in mid-May and typically close in September. Passes may be purchased at all pools and splash pads.

PHONE: 706-613-3589, ext. 226

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/aquatics

POOL LOCATIONS:

BISHOP PARK

EAST ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

LAY PARK

MEMORIAL PARK

ROCKSPRINGS PARK

SPLASH PAD LOCATIONS:

ROCKSPRINGS PARK

TRAIL CREEK PARK

ATHENS CREATIVE THEATRE (ACT)

Athens Creative Theatre (ACT) offers camps, classes, and performances on stage at the Morton Theatre and Quinn Hall at Memorial Park.

PHONE: 706-613-3628

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/act

ATHLETIC FIELDS

(SEE: ATHLETIC FIELDS ON PAGE 16)

B

BEACH

Sandy Creek Park's Lake Chapman includes a beach that is open year round for swimming. The beach features a roped off swimming area. No dogs are allowed on the beach and **no lifeguard is on duty.**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday-Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Sunset

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. -Sunset

SUMMER HOURS: April 1-Labor Day: Tuesday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m.-sunset.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

BEAR HOLLOW ZOO

Bear Hollow Zoo at Memorial Park is home to non-releasable animals that are unable to survive in the wild. Camps, educational programs, and special events are offered. No entry fee.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

PHONE: 706-613-3580

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/bearhollow

BEN BURTON PARK

This 35-acre park features a boat launch, grills, nature trails on the Middle Oconee River, and picnic tables.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise-Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway

BIKE PATHS

A mountain bike path is located at Trail Creek Park. Bikes may be used on other paved paths within the Department, including portions of the Greenway.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

BIRCHMORE TRAIL

(SEE: TRAILS ON PAGE 20)

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The Department offers several birthday party opportunities for children. These parties provide a fun environment for that special occasion.

GYMNASTICS PARTIES AT BISHOP PARK: 706-613-3589

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER PARTIES: 706-613-3615

SPLASH PAD PARTIES AT ROCKSPRINGS PARK: 706-613-3602

TENNIS PARTIES AT ACC TENNIS CENTER: 706-613-3991

ZOO PARTIES AT BEAR HOLLOW ZOO: 706-613-3616

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/birthdays

BISHOP PARK

This 33-acre park features athletic fields, outdoor basketball courts, picnic shelter, playground, pool, tennis courts, walking path, and is the home for the Department's gymnastics program. Bishop Park is also the location of the Athens Farmers Market.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8:00 a.m.-Sunset

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 pm

PHONE: 706-613-3589

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/bishop

BOATING

Electric motors are allowed on boats on Lake Chapman at Sandy Creek Park with a park entry fee. Use of gasoline motors are prohibited. Canoes and kayaks may use the canoe launch to the right of the beach. All Georgia boating and fishing regulations must be observed on the lake.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday-Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Sunset

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. -Sunset

SUMMER HOURS: April 1-Labor Day: Tuesday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m.-Sunset.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

BOULEVARD WOODS

This 1.8 acre park is passive in nature and features a small paved walking loop, a bench, and an open lawn area. seat walls built along the walking loop allow viewing into the wooded back portion of the park.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise-Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/boulevardwoods

C

CAMPS

Camps, both full day and mini camps, take place during the summer, spring break, and other school holidays.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/camps

CANOES

Canoes and kayaks are available for rent on weekends Memorial Day through Labor Day at Sandy Creek Park for use on Lake Chapman. Rentals are available on weekends only, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Boat rentals are weather, staff and event dependent and citizens are encouraged to call 706-613-3631 to make reservations. Personal canoes and kayaks are welcome at Sandy Creek Park during regular operating hours.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service projects are available at Department parks and facilities. Probationers interested in completing community service hours with the Department must arrange their service through their probation officer.

PHONE: 706-613-3911

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/probation

COOK'S TRAIL

(SEE: TRAILS ON PAGE 21)

D

DOG PARKS

Dog parks are off-leash areas where dogs can play freely within a confined area. The Department maintains dog parks at Memorial Park, Sandy Creek Park, and Southeast Clarke Park. Dog parks are free of charge except for some private dog parks at Sandy Creek Park which require a reservation.

MEMORIAL PARK: 706-613-3580

SANDY CREEK PARK: 706-613-3631

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK: 706-613-3871

DOWNTOWN PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Downtown Parade of Lights takes place the first Thursday in December at 7:00 p.m. The parade features floats, marching bands, and other organized units. The parade begins at the intersection of Dougherty and Pulaski Streets and ends at City Hall.

PHONE: 706-613-3620

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/parade

DUDLEY PARK

This 8.5 acre park includes picnic tables and trails along the North Oconee River. The park is named in honor of former Athens Mayor A.J. Dudley.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise–Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway

E

EAST ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

The facility is equipped with a full-service kitchen, gymnasium, and a multi-purpose room. Additional indoor amenities include an arts and crafts room, computer lab, dance room, fitness room, game room, and a library. Outdoor amenities include a multi-purpose field, outdoor basketball courts, picnic shelter, playground, pool, and tennis courts.

PHONE: 706-613-3593

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/eastathens

EAST ATHENS EDUCATIONAL DANCE CENTER

The Dance Center is 15,500 square feet in size and includes state of the art dance studios and a 5,000 square foot performance hall. The center also boasts a top quality audio-visual and sound system.

The center offers youth and adult classes and summer programs. The Presentation Hall is designed for dance performances.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Thursday: 12:30 –8:30 p.m. & Friday: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Summer 8:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m.

PHONE: 706-613-3624

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/dance

F

FISHING

Fishing is allowed along the Greenway, in riverside parks, and on Cook's Trail (but not on Sandy Creek Nature Center property), Memorial Park, and Sandy Creek Park as long as individuals are using Georgia-legal equipment and have a current Georgia Department of Natural Resources fishing license.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/fishing

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

The indoor fitness facilities with exercise equipment are available at East Athens Community Center and Lay Park. An outdoor Fitness Zone is available at Trail Creek Park.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

FITNESS ROOM: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.;

6:00- 8:45 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.;

Sunday: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

FITNESS ZONE: Daily: Sunrise - Sunset

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/fitness

FILMING IN PARKS

Those wishing to film for commercial purposes on any Department property must obtain prior approval and complete the Department's Film Agreement which is available by calling 706-613-3625.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

FOOTBALL FIELDS

(SEE: ATHLETIC FIELDS ON PAGE 16)

FRIENDS OF ATHENS CREATIVE THEATRE (F.A.C.T)

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)

G**GREENSPACE**

Greenspace properties are managed by the Leisure Services Department and serve as undeveloped, open space throughout the county. Many of the existing greenspaces are connected to the greenway system and provide habitat areas along the greenway corridor.

PHONE: 706-613-3801

GREENWAY

The Greenway is a linear park system that provides multiple benefits to the community. It includes a multi-use path system for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles, protects sensitive riparian areas, and serves as a wildlife corridor.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise - Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3801

OFFICE: 315 Pound St.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway

GRILLS

Grills are offered throughout the park system and are first come first served unless reserved by a permit.

(SEE: PICNIC SHELTERS ON PAGE 16)

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/picnic

GYMNASTICS

The Department offers a variety of gymnastics programs for toddlers to adults and summer camps at Bishop Park.

PHONE: 706-613-3589

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/gymnastics

H**HOLLAND YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX**

This 62-acre complex includes baseball, softball, and soccer fields and is named in honor of former Clarke County Commission Chairman Jim Holland.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8:00 a.m.–Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3604

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/holland

HORSEBACK TRAILS

Buckeye Horse Trail at Sandy Creek Park is 4.1 miles in length. It is an "out and back" trail, meaning it does not loop back around to the starting point. Annual horse permit applications may be obtained at the park's gatehouse. Upon entering the park, individuals must produce proof of negative Coggins Report for their horses.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday-Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Sunset

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. –Sunset

SUMMER HOURS: April 1-Labor Day: Tuesday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m.–Sunset.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

K**KAYAKS**

(SEE: CANOES ON PAGE 6)

L**LAKE CHAPMAN AT SANDY CREEK PARK**

The 260-acre lake has a beach area, and accommodates boating and fishing. Boats with gasoline engines are not permitted. Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, sailboats, and boats with electric motors are welcome. The lake is open year round during regular park hours.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

LAY PARK

This seven-acre park includes a community center with a computer lab, game room, gymnasium, and library. Outdoor amenities include a ballfield, basketball court, playground, swimming pool, and tennis courts.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday–Friday: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sunday: 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

PHONE: 706-613-3596

LOCATION: 297 Hoyt Street

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/lay

LYNDON HOUSE ARTS CENTER

Lyndon House Arts Center includes art classes, gallery exhibitions, gift shop, festivals, historic house museum, special events, studios (children’s, clay, fiber, jewelry, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture), and workshops. Rental opportunities are available.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday and Thursday:
Noon–9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, & Saturday:
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

PHONE: 706-613-3623

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/lyndonhouse

LYNDON HOUSE ARTS FOUNDATION

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)



MEMORIAL PARK

This 72-acre park includes Bear Hollow Zoo, the Birchmore Trail, dog park, a lake, outdoor basketball courts, picnic shelters, playground, swimming pool, and walking path. Indoor amenities include a recreation hall with kitchen and Quinn Hall (ACT’s theatre).

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8:00 a.m.–sunset

OFFICE HOURS: Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

PHONE: 706-613-3580

LOCATION: 293 Gran Ellen Drive

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/memorial

MORTON THEATRE

The Morton Theatre is the oldest surviving African-American Vaudeville Theatre in the United States. The 500-seat theatre serves as a rental space to the local community and touring groups hosting church services, dance concerts, dramas, live musical concerts, poetry readings, pageants, poetry readings, receptions, and weddings. The theatre is available for conferences, meetings, performances, receptions, seminars, & small banquets.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Friday:
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

BOX OFFICE HOURS: Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
and 3:00 –6:00 p.m.*

*also various evenings and weekends of scheduled events

PHONE: 706-613-3770

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/morton

MORTON THEATRE CORPORATION

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)



NATURE TRAILS

(SEE: TRAILS AND PATHS ON PAGE 21)

NORTH OCONEE RIVER GREENWAY

(SEE: GREENWAY ON PAGE 8)

NORTH OCONEE RIVER PARK

This 20-acre park is located between Martin Luther King Parkway and Willow Street.

The North Oconee River Park is bisected by the North Oconee River.

The east side of the park is primarily open fields with scattered large hardwood trees. The west side of the park, which is mostly mature hardwoods, is bordered by the North Oconee River Greenway. Benches, grills, and picnic tables are available on both sides.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise - Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/greenway

O

OCONEE RIVERS GREENWAY COMMISSION

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)

ORDINANCE

The Athens-Clarke County Parks Ordinance helps ensure the safety and security of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government parks and their patrons, helps provide an enjoyable park experience, and provides consistent guidelines and levels of service throughout the park system.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

P

PARADE

(SEE: DOWNTOWN PARADE OF LIGHTS ON PAGE 7)

PARENT REINFORCEMENT IN DANCE EDUCATION (PRIDE)

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)

PICNIC SHELTERS

(SEE: PAGES 18-19)

PLAYGROUNDS

(SEE: PAGE 17)

POOLS

(SEE: AQUATICS ON PAGE 5)

PROGRAMS

The Department offers programming for all ages, including art, dance, sports, nature science, outdoor recreation, theatre, and more. Online registration is available at athensclarkecounty.com/leisure.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

Q

QUINN HALL

Quinn Hall at Memorial Park is Athens-Clarke County's only black box theatre and boasts a flexible area for performing arts of all disciplines. With an elevated orchestra pit, raised seating, modular walls, and equipment, the rental facility is able to showcase any event, theatrical or otherwise. Quinn Hall is named for Jane Quinn, the founder of Athens Creative Theatre (ACT).

PHONE: 706-613-3628

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/act

R

RAILS-TO-TRAILS

Rails-to-Trails is a future multi-use path system, including a portion of the Firefly Trail that will stretch from Athens to Union Point, Georgia. The Athens-Clarke County portion of the future Firefly trail will stretch from downtown Athens to Winterville.

PHONE: 706-613-3801

RENTALS

The Department has a variety of rental opportunities for cookouts, meetings, parties, receptions, and weddings. Meeting rooms, picnic shelters and pavilions, and other spaces are available.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

ROCKSPRINGS PARK

The five-acre park includes an arts and crafts room, community center, computer lab, and game room. Outdoor amenities include a ballfield, basketball courts, picnic pavilion, playgrounds, splash pad, and swimming pool.

PHONE: 706-613-3602

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/rocksprings

S

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER

The Center features 225 acres of woodlands and wetlands along with more than 4 miles of nature trails and an ADA interpretive trail available with connections to the North Oconee River Greenway and Cook's Trail. There is a circa 1815 Log House and several wildlife observation areas on site.

The Education & Visitor Center includes amphibians, interactive exhibits, live reptiles, marine and freshwater aquariums, and a planetarium. Walker Hall serves as a teaching classroom.

The Leisure Services Department Administration offices, located in the Allen House, are also on Nature Center property.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Tuesday–Saturday from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Trails are open daily, sunrise - sunset.

PHONE: 706-613-3615

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreeknaturecenter

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER, INC.

(SEE: ADVOCACY GROUPS ON PAGE 5)

SANDY CREEK PARK

This 782-acre park includes 260-acre Lake Chapman, basketball courts, beach, boat ramp, disc golf course, dog parks, fishing pier, hiking trails, horse trail, multi-purpose fields, picnic pavilion, picnic shelters, playgrounds, sand volleyball court, seasonal boat rentals, and tennis courts.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday-Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - Sunset

WINTER HOURS: Tuesday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. –Sunset

SUMMER HOURS: April 1-Labor Day: Tuesday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m.–Sunset.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sandycreekpark

SATTERFIELD PARK

This 13-acre park features five athletic fields and three tennis courts, as well as a playground. This facility is named in honor of the late Dr. Wayne Satterfield, a founding member of the Little League program in Athens.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: Sunrise–Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3871

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/satterfield

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department offers scholarships to qualifying ACC residents under the age of 18. Parents must apply for a scholarship at least 5 business days prior to the day of program registration. Scholarships expire June 30 of each year and must be renewed annually.

PHONE: 706-613-3800

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/scholarships

SHOWMOBILE

The Showmobile, a portable stage for outside events including concerts and festivals, is available for rent when used on ACC government property.

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

SKATE PARK

The skate park is on the Lexington Road side of the Southeast Clarke Park and is designed to accommodate both skateboards and BMX bikes. The skate park is 14,000 square feet in size. Helmets are required.

The park includes a 10 foot bowl and a street course including ramps, grinding edges, rails, and other unique features. The skate park is constructed entirely of poured-in-place concrete and has steel coping around the edges for grinding.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily, 8:00 a.m.–Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3871

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/southeast

SOCCER FIELDS

(SEE: ATHLETIC FIELDS ON PAGE 16)

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Department maintains a presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

PHONE: 706-613-3800

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

SOFTBALL FIELDS

(SEE: ATHLETIC FIELDS ON PAGE 16)

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK

This 124-acre park includes the ACC Tennis Center, nature trail, paved walking path, Skate Park of Athens, soccer fields, softball fields, walking path, Wiggley Field Dog Park, tennis courts, and the World of Wonder Playground.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8:00 a.m.–Sunset.

PHONE: 706-613-3871

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/southeast

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS

Individuals and groups wishing to use parks for public events must apply for a permit through a special event application process.

PHONE: 706-552-0462

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

SPLASH PADS

The Department maintains two splash pads including one at Rocksprings Park and another at Trail Creek Park.

PHONE: 706-613-3602 (Rocksprings Splash Pad);

706-208-0185 (Trail Creek Park Splash Pad);

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/splashpads

SUMMER CAMPS

(SEE: CAMPS ON PAGE 6)

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

The Department hires approximately 100 individuals each summer for camps and pool staff. Jobs are posted in late January at www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs.

PHONE: 706-613-3090

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/jobs

T

TENNIS

The Tennis Center features 12 hard courts, with lights, a pro shop and outdoor event space. The facility offers youth and adult tennis lessons, and hosts clinics, tournaments and workshops.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday–Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Call for seasonal hours.

PHONE: 706-613-3991

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/tennis

Tennis courts are also available at Bishop Park, East Athens Community Center, Lay Park, Sandy Creek Park and Southeast Clarke Park.

TRAIL CREEK PARK

This 113-acre park includes athletic fields, mountain bike trail, nature trail, outdoor fitness zone, playground, picnic pavilions, and splash pad. It is accessible from the Athens Perimeter at Peter Street or from Trail Creek Street.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Daily: 8:00 a.m.–Sunset

PHONE: 706-613-3991 (for rentals and reservations)

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/trailcreek

TRAILS

Miles of natural surface trails exist throughout the Department for citizens to enjoy. Only non-motorized vehicles are allowed.

(SEE: TRAILS ON PAGES 21-22)

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/trails

U

VOLUNTEERS

The Department counts on the support of hundreds of volunteers each year. These individuals assist with animal care, special events, trail maintenance, as well as serve as after-school program tutors, theatre ushers, trail guides, and youth sports coaches. Group volunteer activities are available.

PHONE: 706-613-3620

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/volunteer

W

WORLD OF WONDER PLAYGROUND

(SEE: PLAYGROUNDS ON PAGES 18-19)

Y

YOUTH SPORTS ATHLETIC ORGANIZATIONS

The Department partners with several local youth sports organizations to provide fields for baseball, football, and soccer practice and games.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/sports

Athens Little League

Baseball and softball games played at Holland Park.

WEBSITE: www.eteamz.com/athenslittleleague

Athens United Soccer Association

WEBSITE: www.athensunited.net

EMAIL: ausamanager@gmail.com

East Athens Little League

Baseball and softball games played at Satterfield Park.

WEBSITE: www.eastathenslittleleague.com

Northeast Georgia Youth Football Conference

Z

ZOO

(SEE: BEAR HOLLOW ZOO ON PAGE 6)

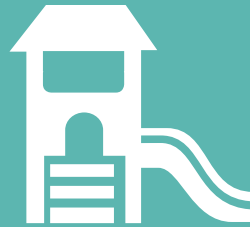
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FACILITIES

PARK/LOCATION	BASEBALL/ SOFTBALL FIELD(S)	BASKETBALL OUTDOOR COURTS	DOG PARK	FISHING	FOOTBALL/ SOCCER FIELD(S)	HORSE TRAIL(S)
Ben Burton Park				√		
Bishop Park	√	√				
Boulevard Woods Park						
Dudley Park				√		
East Athens Community Center	√	√			√	
East Athens Educational Dance Center						
Holland Youth Sports Complex	√				√	
Lay Park	√	√				
Lyndon House Arts Center						
Memorial Park		√	√	√		
Morton Theatre						
North Oconee River Greenway				√		
North Oconee River Park				√		
Reese and Pope Park		√				
Rocksprings Park		√				
Sandy Creek Nature Center						
Sandy Creek Park	√	√	√	√		√
Satterfield Park	√					
Southeast Clarke Park	√		√		√	
Tennis Center						

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL(S)	PAVED WALKING PATH	PICNIC SHELTER(S)	PLAYGROUND(S)	POOL	SPLASH PAD	NATURE TRAIL(S)	TENNIS COURT(S)
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ATHLETIC FACILITIES

PHONE: 706-613-3615

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/leisure

BASEBALL FIELDS

Holland Youth Sports Complex	4 Youth Baseball Fields 2 Junior/Senior Baseball Fields
Lay Park	1 Adult Baseball Field
Satterfield Park	2 Youth Baseball Fields 2 Junior Baseball Fields
Southeast Clarke Park	1 Youth Baseball Field

FOOTBALL FIELDS

Trail Creek Park	2 Football/Soccer Fields
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MULTI-PURPOSE FIELDS

Bishop Park	2 Multi-Purpose Fields
East Athens Community Center	1 Multi-Purpose Field
Rocksprings Park	1 Multi-Purpose Field
Sandy Creek Park	3 Multi-Purpose Fields
Southeast Clarke Park	1 Multi-Purpose Field

SOCCER FIELDS

Holland Youth Sports Complex	4 Soccer Fields
Southeast Clarke Park	2 Soccer Fields
Trail Creek Park	2 Soccer/Football Fields

SOFTBALL FIELDS

Bishop Park	3 Adult Softball Fields
Holland Youth Sports Complex	1 Adult Softball Field
Satterfield Park	1 Youth Softball Field
Trail Creek Park	1 Youth Softball Field



PLAYGROUNDS

Come out and play! Many of the Department's playgrounds are open sunrise to sunset.

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/playgrounds

BISHOP PARK

The larger playground is located near the rear of the gymnasium building. The smaller playground is adjacent to Field #3. The playgrounds are open 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

EAST ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

The playground is located north of the community center. It is designed to resemble a "Martian settlement" complete with tiki huts and "space warped pieces." The playground is open sunrise to sunset.

TRAIL CREEK PARK

The playground, located next to the splash pad, features climbing apparatus, a climbing wall, slides, and swings. The playground is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

HOLLAND YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

The playground, located next to the soccer fields, includes climbing features, slides, and swings. The playground is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

LAY PARK

The playground, located across from the facility's parking lot, includes climbing features, slides, and swings. The playground is open daily, sunrise to sunset.

MEMORIAL PARK

The playground includes climbing features, slides, and swings and is located adjacent to the lake. The playground is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

REESE & POPE PARK

This well-shaded playground, located by the picnic shelter, includes a slide and spider web climbing apparatus. The playground is open daily, sunrise to sunset.

ROCKSPRINGS PARK

The pirate ship-themed playground features climbing features, five slides, and a sea monster. A tot lot is located adjacent to the ship; it features a see-saw and swings. Playgrounds are located behind the community center. The playgrounds are open daily, sunrise to sunset.

SANDY CREEK PARK

Sandy Creek Park has two playgrounds. The first playground is located on the main circle, near the beach. The Dino Tot Lot (for younger children) is near the boat ramp area. The playgrounds are open at 7:00 a.m. - sunset, Tuesday-Sunday in the summer. In the winter, the playgrounds are open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

SATTERFIELD PARK

The playground is located in the rear of the park between the ballfields. The playground is open daily, sunrise to sunset.

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK

The World of Wonder playground is located on the Whit Davis Road side of Southeast Clarke Park. The playground includes climbing structures and elevated walkways providing children a view of the park from above. The Tot Lot, especially for children ages 2 to 5, includes swings. Castle Towers flank either side of the entrance and a dragon play sculpture is nearby.

A second playground is located on the Lexington Road side near the soccer fields.

The playgrounds are open daily, 8:00 a.m. - sunset.



PICNIC SHELTERS

PHONE: 706-613-3800

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/picnic

	PARK/LOCATION	PICNIC SHELTERS	GRILLS	# OF TABLES
N	Sandy Creek Nature Center	1		2
		Picnic Shelter #1	√	4
		Picnic Shelter #2	√	4
		Picnic Shelter #3	√	4
N	Sandy Creek Park	Picnic Shelter #4	√	4
		Pavilion	√	26
		Barbecue Building	√	
		Community Building	√	24
W	Rocksprings Park	Pavilion	√	5
		Picnic Shelter #1	√	6
S	Memorial Park	Picnic Shelter #2	√	6
		Picnic Shelter #3	√	6
E	East Athens Community Center	1	√	4
E	Trail Creek Park	Picnic Shelter #1	√	8
		Picnic Shelter #2		6
E	Southeast Clarke Park	1	√	4
D	Reese and Pope	1		4
W	Bishop Park	1	√	18
D	Lay Park	1	√	4

KEY	
N	North
S	South
E	East
W	West
D	Downtown

ELECTRICITY	WATER	NEARBY PLAYGROUND	NEARBY BALLFIELD	CAPACITY
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			√	25



PICNIC SHELTERS

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BISHOP PARK

Bishop Park has one shelter available for rent, with two sides. Each side can seat up to 50 people. A kitchen is available for an additional charge. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3589

EAST ATHENS COMMUNITY CENTER

East Athens Community Center has one picnic shelter for rent. The shelter accommodates 25 people. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3593

TRAIL CREEK PARK

The park has two picnic shelters with eight tables. The shelter next to the Splash Pad accommodates 50 people; the other shelter has capacity of 60 people. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3801

LAY PARK

Lay Park has one picnic shelter for rent. The shelter accommodates 25 people. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3596

MEMORIAL PARK

Memorial Park has three picnic shelters available for rent. Each shelter contains six picnic tables, two grills, ceiling fans, and a maximum of 50 people each. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3580

REESE & POPE PARK

Reese and Pope Park has one picnic shelter, and accommodates 30 people. It is on a first come, first served basis.

PHONE: 706-613-3801

ROCKSPRINGS PARK

Rocksprings Park has a large picnic pavilion with a grill and nearby playground. The pavilion accommodates 40 guests. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3602

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER

Sandy Creek Nature Center has one picnic shelter to the side of the Education & Visitors Center. It is on a first come, first served basis.

PHONE: 706-613-3615

SANDY CREEK PARK

Sandy Creek Park has seven shelters/facilities available for rent. The shelters accommodate groups up to 200 people. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3631

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK

Southeast Clarke Park has one shelter located next to the World of Wonder Playground on the Whit Davis Road side of the park. The shelter accommodates 30 people. Call for availability and to make a reservation.

PHONE: 706-613-3991



TRAILS AND PATHS

PHONE: 706-613-3801

WEBSITE: www.athensclarkecounty.com/trails

PLEASE NOTE: Bicycle use is prohibited on natural surface trails, except for mountain bike trails. Dogs must be on leashes. Trails are open sunrise - sunset.

BISHOP PARK

Walking Path

This 0.7 mile paved path winds through Bishop Park.

GREENWAY

The Greenway is a linear park system that provides multiple benefits to the community. It includes a multi-use path system for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles, protects sensitive riparian areas, and serves as a wildlife corridor.

MEMORIAL PARK

Birchmore Trail

This 1.3 mile trail winds through an urban forest and is highlighted by the Great Wall of Happy Hollow, which was built single-handedly by the late Fred Birchmore while in his 70s. The trail is open sunrise-sunset.

Lake Path

A paved path runs three-eighths of a mile around the Memorial Park lake. The paths are open daily from 8:00 a.m. - sunset.

SANDY CREEK NATURE CENTER

ADA Interpretive Trail (0.2 Miles)

Starting at the rear of the Education & Visitor Center, this walker-and-wheelchair-accessible boardwalk enters woodlands and continues to a tributary of the Oconee River. This is a short trail for all ages and abilities. It features interpretive areas and a wildlife observation blind.

Brick Factory Loop & Log House Loop

Starting at Walker Hall, these trails form several loops through ruins of the Georgia Brick Company (circa 1900). Along the path you will see building foundations, collapsed chimney remains, and the early 1800s log house moved on-site from Oglethorpe County in 1980.

Claypit Pond Trail (0.5 Miles)

Starting at Walker Hall, pass through brick factory ruins, turning left down steps to the pond's edge. The trail follows the shoreline halfway around the pond.

Crossridge Trail (0.1 Miles)

Crossridge Trail connects Kingfisher Pond Trail with Claypit Pond Trail, passing through pine/hardwoods and crossing Pine Ridge Trail. Slopes may be slippery when wet.

Hooded Warbler Trail (0.2 Miles)

This trail makes a short loop in the upper Claypit Pond wetlands and includes dense thickets of privet and tall trees.

Kestrel Trail (0.7 Miles)

The trail is named for a small falcon that may be seen in the forest edge area. The trail follows the Oconee River floodplain with vistas of the river and continues through the extreme northern end of the property in wooded uplands.

Kingfisher Pond Trail (0.3 Miles)

This trail winds through Oconee River floodplain along Kingfisher Pond and follows a creek for much of the way.

Levee Trail (0.9 Miles)

This trail follows Sandy Creek past the Log House and continues to the confluence of the North Oconee River. It returns through the floodplain of the Oconee River. The trail is not passable in high water.

Oconee Trail (0.2 Miles)

Starting at a curve in Old Commerce Road, the trail descends to the North Oconee River and loops back through dense privet and hardwood floodplains forest. This trail floods in wet seasons.

Pine Ridge Trail (0.4 Miles)

This trail travel through pine woods, dense shrub growth, and a mixed pine/hardwood forest. It includes the highest point on the property.

SANDY CREEK PARK

Lakeside Trail

This trail follows the shore of Lake Chapman, including the Ellen R. Jordan bridge over Sandy Creek. Hikers may return to their origin by following the paved roadways back. This trail is of moderate difficulty and takes approximately 3 hours to complete. The first trailhead is at the boat ramp parking lot located off Beech Tree Drive. A second trailhead is located off Campsite Drive near the dam.

Buckeye Horse Trail (4.1 Miles)

This trail is cut large enough for multiple horses and riders to enjoy over four miles of trail that heads northward throughout the park and its property. This trail does not loop, so you must return the same way. Follow blue blazes. This trail is located off Campsite Drive directly across the street of the first parking lot. It is to the left of the Cook's Trail trailhead. Horse vehicles and trailers must be parked in the grassy areas.

SOUTHEAST CLARKE PARK

Walking Path (0.6 Miles)

This paved path goes around ballfields. Also, a nature trail connects the Lexington Road and Whit Davis sides of the park.

TRAIL CREEK PARK

Mountain Bike Trail

The 1.7 mile trail (Beginner/Intermediate) is open 8:00 a.m. to sunset.

To access the trail, enter the park through the Trail Creek Street entrance and go through the wooden fence on the right side.

The Green Loop (~0.9 mile) entrance will be on the left (look for the gravel). The loop is short and easy but with some dips and flow.

The Orange Loop (~0.7) has bigger dips and several berms. To get to it, ride the Green Loop until reaching the connector trail on the other side of the clearing. The connector trail will be on the left if you are riding clockwise.

Walking Path

The paved path winds through the park and provides a view of the UGA campus skyline.

ACC LEISURE SERVICES FACILITIES AND PARKS

1 Administrative/Internal Services Offices
The Allen House
205 Old Commerce Road

2 Bishop Park
705 Sunset Drive

3 Ben Burton Park
616 Mitchell Bridge Road

4 Boulevard Woods Park
298 Barber Street

5 Dudley Park
100 Dudley Park Drive

6 East Athens Community Center
400 McKinley Drive

7 East Athens Education Dance Center
390 McKinley Drive

8 Holland Youth Sports Complex
250 Vincent Drive

9 Lay Park
297 Hoyt Street

10 Lyndon House Arts Center
293 Hoyt Street

11 Memorial Park; Bear Hollow Zoo;
Quinn Hall
293 Gran Ellen Drive

12 Morton Theatre
195 West Washington Street

13 North Oconee River Greenway
205 Old Commerce Road

14 North Oconee River Park
MLK Parkway

15 Reese and Pope Park
395 Pope Street

16 Rocksprings Park
291 Henderson Ext.

17 Sandy Creek Nature Center
205 Old Commerce Road

18 Sandy Creek Park
400 Bob Holman Road

19 Satterfield Park
3028 Cherokee Road

20 Southeast Clarke Park
4440 Lexington Road

21 Tennis Center
4460 Lexington Road

22 Trail Creek Park
200 Trail Creek Street

