

# GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PARK SYSTEM

MILWAUKEE COUNTY  
**PARKS**

Acres  
of  
Parkland  
**15,256**



**37**  
Miles of  
Lake Michigan  
Shoreline



**9,090**  
Acres of  
Natural  
Areas

**185**  
Miles of Trails



Boerner  
Botanical  
Gardens



Mitchell Park  
Horticultural  
Conservatory



Wehr  
Nature  
Center

**154 Parks  
& Parkways**

## PARK EXPERIENCES



**152**

Picnic Sites & Shelters



**68**

Indoor Rental Spaces

**7**

Permanent  
Beer Gardens



**8**

Traveling  
Beer Garden  
Stops

**238**

Athletic Fields



**81**

Basketball  
Courts



**91**

Tennis  
Courts



**58**

Volleyball  
Courts



**5**

Ice Rinks  
4 outdoor  
1 indoor



**3**

Recreation  
Centers



**6**

Horseshoe  
Courts



**12**

Pickleball Courts



**111**

Playgrounds

**13**

Golf  
Courses



**12**

Disc Golf  
Courses

## WATER RECREATION



**4**

Boat  
Launches



**38**

Splash Pads &  
Wading Pools



**7**

Pools  
5 outdoor  
2 indoor



**2**

Marinas



**9**

Beaches



**4**

Waterparks



**5**

Dog  
Exercise  
Areas

# PARK SYSTEM FUN FACTS



County Park Commission  
**Est. 1907**  
 August 20, 1907

## Timeline

- 1835 The first European settlements included "public squares" of green space.
- 1889 Establishment of Milwaukee Board of Park Commissioners
- 1890 The Milwaukee Park Commission purchased land to begin creating "a chain of parks around the city connected by handsome boulevards."
- 1937 Consolidation Movement of Municipal and County Parks.



**ParkPeople**

**53**  
**Supporting Friends Groups**

125,000 + Volunteer Hours

**10**  
**National Register of Historic Places**

## Sites

- Benjamin Church House
- Honey Creek Parkway
- Jeremiah Curtin House
- Kinnickinnic River Parkway
- Lake Park
- Milwaukee River Parkway
- North Point Lighthouse
- Oak Creek Parkway
- Root River Parkway
- Trimborn Farm

## EVENTS



**1,000**  
**Bugs Consumed**  
 as Creepy Crawly Cuisine at Bug Day



**653**  
**Special Event Permits**



**68**  
**Park Concerts**



**105**  
**Small-Business Vendor Permits**



**5**  
**Farmer's Markets**

## FLORA AND FAUNA



**850**  
**Species of Native Plants Documented**



**352**  
**Species of Native Birds Observed**



**82**  
**Species of Dragonflies & Damselflies**



**150**  
**Varieties of Crabapple Trees - Whitnall Park**



**2019**  
**Wisconsin Important Bird Area Designee**

## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

**\$2 MILLION**

**for Stormwater Management**

from Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)  
 - Since 2003



**Permeable Pavers and Porous Pavement**



**L.E.D. Street Light Replacements**



**Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary - Dretzka Golf Course**



**Operation Pollinator Bee Sanctuaries**



**Blue Wave Clean Beach Certification - Bradford Beach**



**Wisconsin Clean Marina Certification - McKinley Marina**