

PARK/FACILITY	ADDRESS	HISTORY
Jim McSwain Park	1941 Haskell Ave	Honorary by City
Lawrence Rotary Arboretum	5100 W 27th	The Rotary Arboretum was created through funding from the Lawrence Rotary Club, the Jayhawk Breakfast Rotary Club and the Central Rotary Club in celebration of the centennial anniversary of Rotary International in 2005.
Baldwin Creek (Future Park)	E. 902 Rd	Named for Region
Broken Arrow Park	2800 Louisiana Street	Land of park was donated to the City, School District, County and Township by the Department of Interior. Named by essay contest at Haskell for students in 1959. Student received \$50 for winning essay, which described how the symbol of a broken arrow was a smymbol of peace.
Brook Creek Park	1200 Brook Street	Named for the creek which runs through the park.
Buford M. Watson Jr. Park	727 Kentucky St	Originally named Central Park and was part of original town site when Lawrence was founded. Was renamed in 1990 to honor Buford Watson, city mangaer of Lawrence (1970-89) who past away during his service to the city. Name change was made by the City Commission.
Burcham Park	200 Indiana	Named for Lawrence residents Riley and Alberta Burcham who retired as president of Lawrence National Bank in 1968. The Burchams provided a gift of stock, estimated at \$41,000 for development of a park.
Burroughs Creek Trail & Linear Park	900 E 15th	It is named for the creek that runs next to the trail, which is named for an author who lived in Lawrence.
Carl Knox Natatorium	1901 Louisiana St	School District Property
Carnegie Building	200 W 9th St.	The Carnegie building was constructed in 1904 with a grant worth approximately \$27,000 from Andrew Carnegie. During the 1930's an addition was build to accommodate the growing volume of books and materials. It served as the Lawrence public library until a new library was constructed in 1972. The Lawrence Arts Center inhabited the building from 1975 through 2002. It was also in 1975 that the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places as the Old City Library. In January of 2011 the Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department began operating the facility, once again making it available for public use. Destination Management and the Freedom's Frontier National Heritage Area will have offices in the facility, as well as exhibit space to display historical information about Lawrence and the surrounding area.
Centennial Park	2124 W 9th St. /600 Rockled	The property passed through a series of landowners in the early 1900s, among whom were a professional boxer, Jes Willard, and Kansas City investors E. Kemper Carter and his wife Anna Currie Carter. After World War II, land was rapidly snatched up for housing developments. Ownership of the property finally found its way to a corporation formed to acquire the land to set it aside for a park and to celebrate the City's centennial in 1954. Lawrence school children raised the funds to purchase the land that was acquired for substantially less than its actual value. The corporation then sold the land to the City of Lawrence for \$1 on the condition that the property be eternally preserved as a public park.
Chaparral Park	2700 Ponderosa Drive	The City established the Chaparral Playlot in 1975 after purchasing the area through a tax sale.
Clinton Lake Adult Sports Complex	5101 Speicher Road	Named for its location near Clinton Lake

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Clinton Park	901 West 5th	This 3-acre park was part of the original town plat in 1854. The only part of a large ravine that once stretched toward the river into West Lawrence still resides in Clinton Park. The ravine began being filled in 1913. In 1938, the city council approved a project not to exceed \$140,000 that would include construction of several "oven," a shelter house, two toilets, and a retaining wall. The fine retaining wall exists today. This project, completed by January of 1940, was accomplished with National Youth Administration labor and included Pinckney neighbors.
Community Building	115 West 11th Street	
Constant Park	230 West 6th Street	J. L. "Tommy" Constant Park was developed through an acquisition of land along 6th Street between the bridge and Tennessee Street. It was made possible by a bequest from the Constant estate.
Dad Perry Park	1200 Monterey Way	The park, which was purchased in 1967 with Housing and Urban Development matching funds, is named in honor of the "Father of Gymnastics in the State of Kansas," L.R. "Dad" Perry. Perry was a teacher and coach in the Lawrence School District and a member of the City of Lawrence Recreation Board. At the time of the purchase, the west side of the park was not in the city limits. Initially, U.S.D. #497 held 10-acres at the northeast corner of the park for an elementary school, which has since been sold.
Deerfield Park	2801 Princeton Blvd	Deerfield Park was created in 1966 as part of the School/Park Concept, when the Lawrence School District purchased 10 acres of land and the City of Lawrence purchased 10 acres of land adjacent to the school property.
DeVictor Park	1100 George Williams Way	In 1998, the City of Lawrence purchased more than 40 acres of land from Alvamar, Inc., for \$505,000. Named to honor Fred DeVictor, upon his retirement from the city as its director of Lawrence's Parks and Recreation Department. Prior to it being named it was known as "Green Belt" Park as it incircled the neighborhood.
Disc Golf Course at Centennial Park	600 Rockledge	No special name given
Eagle Bend Golf Course	1250 E. 902 Rd	Name created with Wakarusa River angling through the course and eagle habitat around the area
East Lawrence Recreation Center	1245 East 15th Street	Named by location -- dating back to the original Quansit hut at (now Hobbs park)
Edgewood Park	1245 East 15th Street	In 1961, the City bought 16-acres of land from Moore Land Inc. to create a neighborhood park. An additional seven acres were purchased in 1977 to create space for East Lawrence Recreation Center which is located on the north edge of the park. Named for the sub division
Green Meadows Park	3613 Brush Creek Dr	Mr. Abdalla Mobaidin of Amman, Jordan, through his local representative Baha Safadi donated approximately 10+ acres to the City of Lawrence in March 1991. The donation of land was contingent on the development of a park and open space for public use. Named for a sub division.
Hand Park	1040 Home Circle	The City established this one-acre park in 1998 as part of a Community Development Block Grant. The Parks and Recreation Department teamed with the Neighborhood Resource Department to create this lot when the Neighborhood Resource Department provided the play equipment, and LPRD agreed to maintain the area. The park's name, HAND, is an acronym for Housing and Neighborhood Development.

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Murphy-Bromelsick House	1004 Delaware Street	The historic Murphy-Bromelsick House was relocated to Hobbs Park, the location of Lawrence's old East Side neighborhood, home of important figures such as Myra B. Hobbs, after whom the park is named, and newspaper publisher and abolitionist John Speer. The 1860s house serves as an example of the architecture common to the city's oldest residential and industrial district.
Hobbs Park and Municipal Stadium	702 East 11th Street	The late Myra B. Hobbs, a resident of Lawrence, left in her will approximately \$70,000 to the City of Lawrence. The money was to be used specifically to purchase land for the purpose of creating a city park.
Holcom Park; Holcom Park Recreation Center; Holcom Park Sports Complex	2700 West 27th Street; 2601 West 25th Street	Holcom Park is a 31-acre park that was named in remembrance of Louie Holcom, long-time community baseball coach and youth advocate.
Horseshoe Courts	2800 Louisiana Street	No formal name given
Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center	4706 Overland Drive	No formal name given other than it was indoor.
Japanese Friendship Garden/Watkins	1045 Massachusetts Street	Formally Watkins Park. Was renamed to recognize the sister city relationship with Hiratsuka, Japan. The City of Hiratsuka presented a gift of \$5,000 in 1995 in recognition of the five-year anniversary of the relationship. The City matched their gift and another \$15,000 was raised to help develop the garden.
John Taylor Park	200 North 7th Street	John Taylor Park was originally created in 1962 as Walnut Park. This six-acre park was renamed in 1978 through a contest by the North Lawrence Improvement Association. John Taylor was a prominent neighborhood organizer in North Lawrence. Renaming Lyon Street Park was also considered during the contest period, but the City and the association decided to let the then Walnut Park be renamed.
KANZA Southwind Nature Preserve	2850 Wildflower Dr	Donated by John McGrew in 1975 and the Wakarusa Land LTD Co. There was a naming contest at Sunflower Elementary School to name the park area.
Lawrence Outdoor Aquatic Center	727 Kentucky	No formal name given.
Lawrence Nature Park	201 N Folks Rd	40 acres donated by the Lichtwardt family for parkland, but with stipulations in the form of conservation easements to be held by the Kansas Land Trust (KLT), which would limit the land use and types of facilities permitted. This provided the City with a vision of creating a large natural preserve for future residents of Lawrence. The first step in the process was to make the preserve accessible to the public with the proposed restrictions. The City of Lawrence purchased 23-acres of land south of the Lichtwardt property in 1999. In December 2000, the City purchased 20-acres of land immediately west of the Lichtwardt property from Wendell and Gerald Dickey. In 2001, the City purchased 14 acres also with a conservation easement west of the Dickey property, from Francis Kelly and Cheri Varvil. The western edge of this property would have a public access area also to the nature preserve. The addition of these three properties allowed Lawrence to expand its conservation effort, which will preserve natural corridors for future residents. In 2001, Bob and Betty Lichtwardt finalized their donation of 40-acres as a conservation easement to the Kansas Land Trust and City of Lawrence. Natural trails on this site would be named the "Thomas-Hunter Walking Trails" in memory of Lyell Jay, Ethel Sanborn Thomas, and Wanda Sanborn Hunter via their signed contract.
Ludlam Park	2800 West 9th Street	Ludlam Park was acquired by the city in 1953 and is 1.4-acres. The park is named after George Ludlam after City Commission action in December 1953.

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Lyon Street Park	700 North Lyon Street	One of the first community parks in North Lawrence, the Parks and Recreation Department purchased the five acres of Lyons Park \$4,500 in 1962. The park was expanded in 1977 with the addition of five more acres that were purchased from Mr. Lawrence Allison for \$27,500. The North Lawrence Neighborhood Association contributed \$5,000 towards the land. The neighborhood community members also helped plan and develop the park by discussing their recreational needs at several public meetings hosted by Parks and Recreation. To help support the park's construction, the City issued park bonds, which paid for half of the construction cost on the expansion of the park. The City applied for and received a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, administered by the Kansas Park and Resource Authority (now the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.) The 50-50 matching grant assisted the city with the park development by contributing approximately \$101,346 to install an irrigation system and two lighted ball diamonds, restrooms, play equipment, parking, lighted tennis and basketball courts, walkways and landscaping.
Maple Grove Cemetery	1710 N 3rd St	I have no information
Martin Park	600 N. Folks Rd	I have no information
Memorial Park Cemetery	1517 E 15th	I have no information
Mutt Run off leash area	1330 E. 902 Road	Lawrence Parks and Recreation opened Mutt Run in 2001, and since then, it has been used extensively by dog owners. The park sits on property leased from the U.S. Corps of Engineers below the Clinton Lake Dam in West Lawrence.
Naismith Valley Park	1400 West 27th Street	Nineteen acres were initially purchased with a Land and Water Conservation Fund matching grant in 1972 and an additional 6 acres were added in 1975 through a tax sale.
Oak Hill Cemetery	1605 Oak Hill Road	I have no information
Outlet Park - Clinton Lake	1316 E. 902 Road	No special name given--Corps Of Enginners name of area when city leased
Park Hills Parks	500 Oklahoma St.; 300 Kansas St.; 201 Nebraska St.	In 1955, Dolph and Marie Simons gave the City two 1-acre plots of land near their home to provide park area. In the same year, George Lawrence donated an additional plot of land in the same neighborhood also to be designated as a park. Because of their close proximity to one another, the three park areas are referred to as Park Hills Parks. They were once known as Park Hills Park's Number 1, 2 and 3.
Parnell Park	901 East 15th Street	Parnell Park is a 2.7-acre park created in 1954.
Pat Dawson Billings Nature Area	3951 W. 27th	John McGrew, owner of Wakarusa Land Limited Company, donated over 42 acres of the 80 acres he owned south of 27th St at Crossgate Dr. to develop this nature area in December 2000, preserving additional open space on the south side of the City. Mr. McGrew requested naming the park in honor of Pat Dawson-Billings, who was a teacher in the Lawrence School District from 1960-1975.
Peterson Park	2250 Peterson Rd	Hallmark Cards originally owned the property to serve as a buffer area or possible future site. In 1998, the south side of Peterson Road Park was donated to the City from Hallmark Cards for use as a future park. In January of 2000, the northern portion of the park ground was donated to the City for a park. As part of the donation, the City was required to provide a master plan to Hallmark Cards for their review and comment.

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Prairie Park & Mary's Lake	2811 Kensington	The City developed Prairie Park through its park bond funds between 1985 and 1990. Mary's Lake was created in the 1950s, and Lawrence Parks and Recreation worked with the property owners in the 70s to use the lake and surrounding area for its Exceptional Summer Camps and coordinated programming with special education classes in the public schools in the Spring and Fall seasons. In 1991, Parks and Recreation purchased Mary's Lake property and continued the development of the area.
Prairie Park Nature Center	2730 Harper Street	name from the Natural Prairie that exists in the park
Quail Run Park	1134 Inverness Drive	Quail Run Park was created as part of the school/park concept in the mid-1970s. When Lawrence Public Schools purchased area to create Quail Run Elementary School, the City also purchased five acres to develop a natural park just to the west of the school.
Quarry Park	2141 Terrace Rd	In 2008, 1.63 acres was added to Quarry Park, which had been .67 acres. The 1.63 acres was provided by developers who were developing area near the park. The area used to be a quarry and thus the name.
Riverfront Park	1595 N. 3rd Street	Lawrence city planning and help from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers led to the development of these 994 acres along the Kansas River. Riverfront Park began in 1984 as a restoration and re-vegetation project. Two grants from the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Non-Game Wildlife funds and City of Lawrence tax dollars funded the project. Formerly used for landfill operations, the site now continues to improve as a wildlife habitat that supports a variety of species. Landfill operations at this site (1970-1981) deposited an estimated 481,000 tons of municipal solid waste on approximately 100 acres of the area. The restoration project was designed to create a high quality habitat that will support a large variety of wildlife species. Although primarily designed for wildlife, this area also offers diverse recreational opportunities, including bird watching, hiking and photography. The Kansas Fish and Game Commission completed a public boat ramp in 1979 at 8th and Oak streets. Two other one-lane boat ramps (one near Highway Junction 24, 40 and 59, and the other near the Mud Creek mouth at the Kansas River,) were added.
Robinson Park	4 West 6th Street	Developed as a historic space to honor the first settlers of Lawrence. The park was named to honor the first Governor of the State of Kansas, Charles Robinson.
Sandra Shaw Community Health park	110 Maine Street	In November 2013, the Lawrence City Commission accepted the donation of 7.98 acres of land, which houses a lake and a trail from the Bert Nash Community Health Center to become a park named for the former CEO of Bert Nash Sandra J. Shaw. Shaw was CEO of Bert Nash for 22 years.
Sesquicentennial Point	6000 West 27th St	Dedicated on the 150 anniversary of the City of Lawrence in 2004. The Point was developed through a City Commission temporary board brought together to develop how the City would celebrate the 150th anniversary. The Walk through Time was developed as a fundraiser to assist in the development. Steps were and can be purchased corresponding to a year to memorize a time in history.
Skatepark	600 Rockledge	No special name given
South Park	1141 Massachusetts Street	South Park was part of the original town plat and originally covered eight city blocks - four separate parks Lafayette Park, Hamilton Park, Washington Park and Franklin Park.
Sports Pavilion Lawrence	100 Rock Chalk Lane	Named by the City Commission

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Stonegate Park	3706 Hunters Hill Dr.	Stonegate Park is a small neighborhood park developed in the Stonegate addition of Lawrence purchased in 2002 and developed in 2004.
Union Pacific Depot	402 North 2nd Street	Originally built in 1889, the depot was repurposed as a visitor's center and facility used by Parks and Recreation in 1996 after the city took ownership of the building.
Veterans Park	1840 Louisiana	Veterans Park, at one time, was the original site of barracks for military students and trainees. It was established as a park in 1947 and was named in honor of veterans of all wars.
Viola & Conrad McGrew Nature Preserve	4600 Bob Billings Parkway	John McGrew donated the land and asked for it to be named in honor of his parents.
Walnut Park	211 N. 4th St	The original Walnut Park was located at 7th and Walnut Sts., but it was renamed John Taylor Park in 1978. The current Walnut Park, located at 211 N. 4th St., was also named for its location on Walnut, as was its predecessor.
Water Tower Park	1225 Sunset Drive	In 1953, the City purchased two acres on which to create Water Tower Park. This park is named for its position at the base of a water tower. It was developed in the early 90s, when playground equipment was added.
Woody Park	201 Maine Street	Woody Park was purchased by the City in 1936 and named in honor of Elgin Woody, a Lawrence citizen who organized minority baseball and softball leagues for the town's youth. This 4-acre park was created in the same area used by Woody's leagues for games.
Youth Sports Complex	4911 W. 27th Street	No special name given -- The Youth Sports Complex, began as Youth Sports, Inc. (YSI), in 1983 with the mission to "provide and maintain athletic facilities for the youth of Lawrence." The land, which consists of 55 acres owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was leased by YSI starting in 1984. In 1995, the City of Lawrence and YSI became joint leasees after the City of Lawrence leased the 1515 acres from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers which YSI is a part of. In 2009, the name of the complex was changed to Youth Sports Complex, as the YSI organization was disbanded and the City was no longer subleasing the area.
Outside for a Better Inside Trail	110 Maine Street	Named for John McGrew's non-profit organization that successfully received a matching \$55,000 grant from the Sunflower grant. Outside for a Better Inside funraised the matching funds to receive the grant.
William Kelly Bandstand	1141 Massachusetts Street	Erected in 1906 the bandstand was named for longtime Lawrence City Band conductor William Kelly in 1988 as an honorary.
Kathy Fode Room	1141 Massachusetts Street	Room in administrative office named for longtime employee of the department upon her retirement as an honorary
Tom Wilkerson Room	4706 Overland Drive	Room in Indoor Aquatic Center named for Assistant Director at the time of his retirement as an honorary
Louie Heinrich Room	2700 West 27th Street	Room at Holcom Park Recreation Center named for longtime youth baseball supporter as an honorary
Wayne Bly Room	2700 West 27th Street	Room at Holcom Park Recreation Center named for longtime director of the Parks and Recreation Department as an honorary
Noon Optimist Club Shelter	4911 W. 27th Street	Shelter paid by the Noon Optimist Club of Lawrence housed at the Youth Sports Complex
Thomas-Hunter Walking Trails	201 N Folks Rd	Written into the agreement of the Kansas Land Trust for property that comprises some of the Lawrence Nature Park
There are many park benches, trees and other items that have been provided for by gifts from individuals, organizations, bequests, and businesses.		