

Outdoor Recreation Facilities Terminology

Park Classifications

The following classifications provide an overview for the existing parks in the City of Marshfield. The classifications can be used as a guideline for understanding what services are typically provided as well as the area each park typically serves.

Mini-Park

- Used to address limited or isolated recreational needs.
- Is the smallest park classification.
- Provides unique recreational opportunities.

Location:

Demographics and population play a role in location, but the Mini-Park often services a specific recreational need or takes advantage of unique opportunities. In a residential setting, the service area is usually 1/4 mile or less in radius. Accessibility is by way of interconnecting trails, sidewalks, or low volume residential streets.

Size:

Usually between 2,500 square feet and 2 acres.

Marshfield Mini-Parks:

Grant, Pickle Pond, and Northern Hills

Neighborhood Park

- Remains the basic unit of the park system, which serves as the recreational / social focus of the neighborhood.

Location:

Service Area is between 1/4 and 1/2 mile in distance and should not be interrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.

Size:

Usually 2 -10 acres.

Marshfield Neighborhood Parks:

Benedict and Forest Ridge

Community Park

- Broader service than Neighborhood Park. Focus is on meeting the community based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Location:

Usually serves two or more neighborhoods at about a 1-mile distance.

Size:

As needed to accommodate desired uses, usually between 10 and 50 acres.

Marshfield Community Parks:

Braem, Griese, Marshfield Fairgrounds, Steve J. Miller Recreation Area, and Wildwood

Nature Area

- Land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.

Location:

Based on resource availability and opportunity.

Size:

Variable based on available land.

Marshfield Natural Resource Areas:

Connor Park, Joe and Bernadine Weber's Nature Park, Hamus Nature Preserve and Recreation Area

Special Use Parks

- Cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use including multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas.

Location:

Variable-dependent on use.

Size:

Variable-based on available land.

Marshfield Special Use Parks:

Columbia, Eighth & Hemlock, Praschak Wayside Park, Strohman, Veterans Memorial Park

Other Recreation Facilities

- Other recreation facilities which contribute to the public park and recreation system.

Location:

Variable-dependent on specific use.

Size:

Variable based on available land.

Other Recreation Facilities in Marshfield:

Curling Club, Henry Praschak Memorial (private), UW Athletic Fields, CWSFA Grounds, Marshfield Area Ice Arena

Note: These facilities provide public use but are not to be included in the Public Space Plan.

Public School Open Space and Play Areas

- Open space and play areas associated with or combined with a school site that fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as Mini-Park, or Neighborhood Park.

Location:

Determined by location of school district property.

Size:

Variable and depends on function.

Marshfield School Parks:

Grant Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Madison Elementary, Marshfield High School, Marshfield Middle School, Washington Elementary