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Charter Township of Shelby **PARKS & FACILITIES**

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**OVER 1,100
ACRES OF
PUBLIC
PARKS**



**MILES OF
HIKING & BIKING
TRAILS**



**SIX PICNIC
PAVILIONS
AVAILABLE FOR
RENT**



**OVER 50
ATHLETIC
FIELDS &
COURTS**



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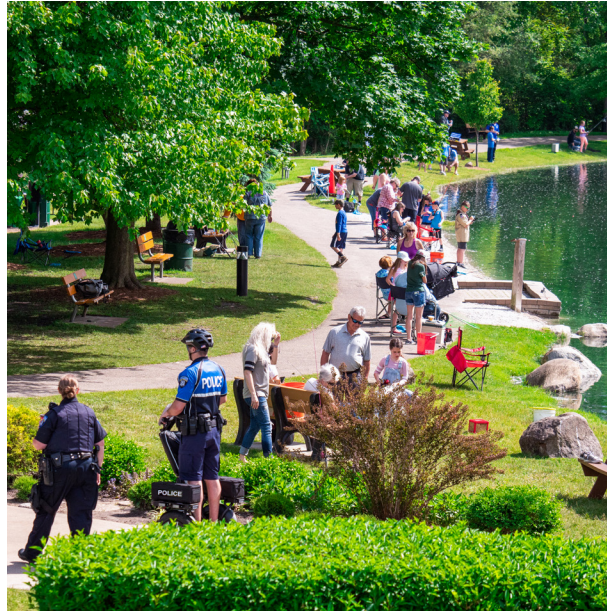
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SHELBY TOWNSHIP PARKS, RECREATION AND MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department staff provides progressive leisure, organized sports, cultural and educational programs to the township. It protects our natural resources and offers outdoor recreational opportunities to members of the community in a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment. The staff provides innovative and quality services to residents, businesses and service organizations in Shelby Township.

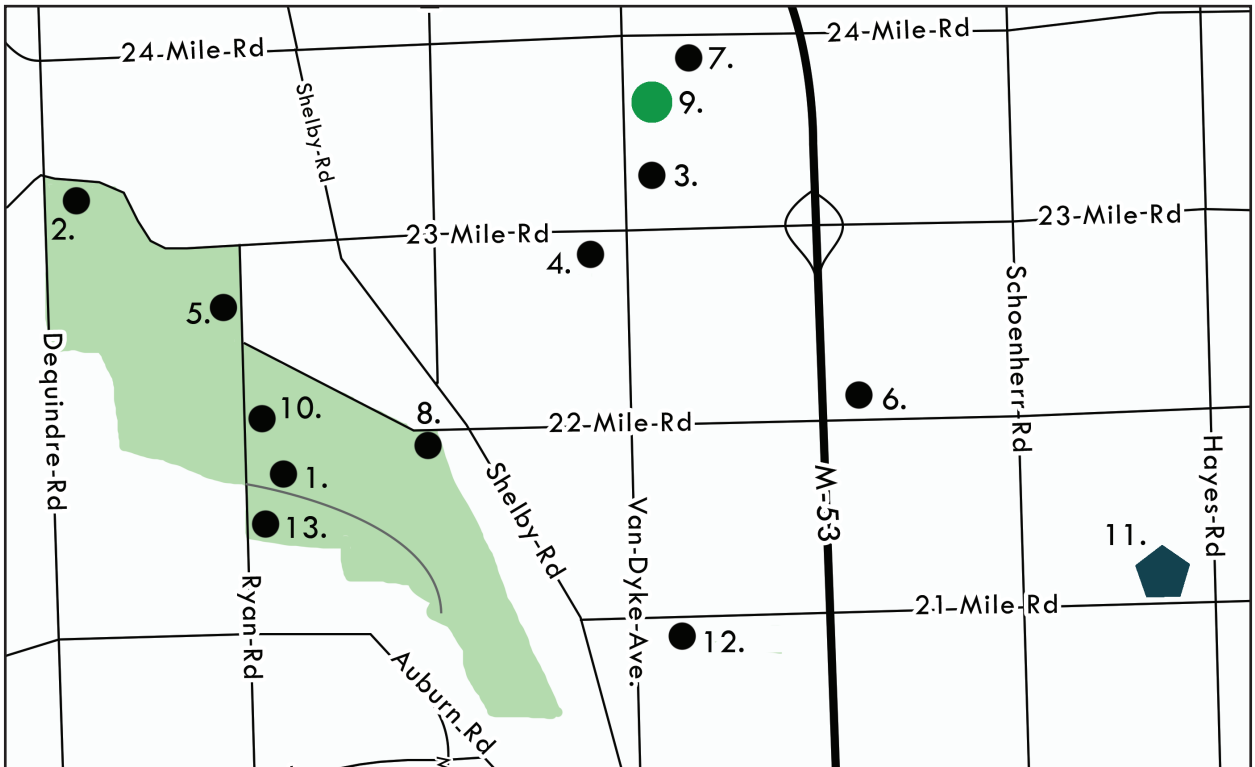
PARK & FACILITY LOCATER

- 1. Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center**
4101 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317
586-323-2478
- 2. Chief Gene Shepherd Park**
2452 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- 3. Lions Soccer Field**
51670 Van Dyke Avenue
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- 4. Ford Field Central Park**
7460 23 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- 5. Holland Ponds**
50385 Ryan Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317

- 6. Lombardo Park**
11695 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- 7. Mae Stecker Park**
8600 24 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- 8. River Bends Park**
5700 22 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48317
- 9. Municipal Campus, Heritage Gardens & Hope Chapel**
52700 Van Dyke Avenue
Shelby Township, MI 48316
- 10. River Bends Park Fishing Site & Organization Camp**
Ryan Road, South of 22 Mile
Shelby Township, MI 48317

- 11. Shelby Township Activities Center**
14795 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- 12. Whispering Woods Kiwanis Park**
11000 21 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48315
- 13. Woodall Neighborhood Park & Skate Park**
4550 River Bends Drive
Shelby Township, MI 48317

For more information, please contact the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Department or visit shelbytwp.org



PARK INFORMATION & RULES



OPERATING HOURS

Park visitors must vacate all facilities upon closing. Parks are free to enter and are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first, every day. Parks may be closed for special events, major holidays and in extreme weather. We also reserve the right to close any or all parks due to circumstances beyond our control.

ADMISSION FEES

No party reserving a shelter is permitted to charge a fee to enter any park. Any entry fee charged to participate at a special event must be disclosed and approved at the time of reservation.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No alcohol of any kind is allowed from April 1 through June 15 in any Shelby Township park. No glass containers permitted. Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages allowed during the rest of the year. During permissible dates, no group shall sell beer or wine or charge an admission fee while serving beer or wine. A representative from the group must also submit proof of liability insurance for approval by the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director.

DRUGS

The use or possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances other than those expressly prescribed by a physician for a medical purpose is prohibited. No person who appears to be under the influence of any illegal drug or a controlled substance shall be allowed to remain at the shelter or the park.

DECORATIONS

Banners, streamers, balloons, table covers and other decorations or materials used in or around the shelter must be completely removed and disposed of properly at the end of the event or function. The use of nails, glue or any fasteners that may damage or leave permanent marks on the shelter or surrounding trees is strictly prohibited.



PETS

Pets are permitted if kept on a leash no longer than 6', do not create a public nuisance, are in immediate control by their owner, and their waste is removed and disposed of properly. No domestic animal or pet shall be permitted within 20' of the perimeter of the field of play at any athletic event.

TRASH & RECYCLING



Township staff cleans all shelters regularly. Trash and recycle barrels are provided. Please clean up all trash, decorations and debris before your group leaves the park. Failure to do so may result in an extra charge for labor and is a violation of state law and the local ordinance. Park recycle bins are provided for park patrons only. Any other use is prohibited.

DRONES IN PARKS

In accordance with the Shelby Township Ordinance, the use of drones in parks is allowed, providing that FAA guidelines are followed.

For a comprehensive listing of all park ordinances, please visit our Code Enforcement webpage at shelbytwp.org/ordinance.

PARK INFORMATION & RULES

FIRE PREVENTION

Shelby Township prohibits open flames and bonfires in township parks. The fire pit located in the Organizational Camp area is the ONLY place where a bonfire is permitted. ONLY groups that have the area reserved and have a responsible adult present may use the fire pit. Electrical and extension cords and decorations must have no exposed wire and be UL rated and approved. The use or possession of fireworks in any Shelby Township park is prohibited.

RESTROOMS

Shelter restrooms are available for use by all park visitors and are not for the exclusive use of shelter renters during regular park hours. The township winterizes and closes restrooms seasonally.

VEHICLES

Cars, trucks, vans or other motorized vehicles are not permitted to leave the parking area to unload or load or for any other reason without prior approval.

ADVERTISEMENT

All advertisement is forbidden in the park unless approved with prior specific written approval from the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department director.

MUSIC

Amplified sound must be kept a suitable volume as to not create a disturbance of the public peace. Any sound that is bothersome or offensive to other patrons of the park is prohibited.

LOST & FOUND

Return found items from our parks, events and games to PRM at the Shelby Township Activities Center at 14975 21 Mile Road. We tag items with where and when they were found. When possible, we contact the owner to let them know we have the lost item.

PRM keeps lost and found items for 30 days. Following that, PRM disposes of items or donates them to a local charity. If you have lost an item, call 586-731-0300 or email shelbyprm@shelbytwtp.org with a description.

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

All park pavilions have one duplex outlet except for the Organizational Site and the Holland Ponds Shelter. The capacity of each circuit is 20 amps, which should handle about 2,400 watts, and is usually sufficient for two small electrical appliances. Please check the amperage rating of any devices that you intend to use.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions about park rules and regulations, contact the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300. The office is open on weekdays 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



EACH PARK HAS A PET WASTE STATION. PLEASE UTILIZE THE PROVIDED BAGS AND DISPOSE OF PET WASTE PROPERLY.

5K EVENT HOSTING INFORMATION

- River Bends Park can accommodate only one 5K event on any given day.
- Hickory Grove Pavilion at River Bends Park must be rented for the day to host a 5K event.
- Proof of Event/Runners' Insurance must be submitted at least 5 days before the event.
- Proof of liability insurance listing Shelby Township as an additional insured for the event date must accompany all rented items or equipment such as bounce houses, tents, tables, chairs and catering equipment. See the sample insurance certificate and instructions for details.
- A paved trail and several dirt trails are available for use. Please refer to the 5K map on Page 10 for the marked route.
- Each 5K event coordinator, race director or designee must choose, measure and mark their course.
- Remove trail markings after the event.
- No paint, nails on trees or any other damaging marking methods are permitted.

RENTAL INFORMATION

PARKS & RECREATION'S RESERVATION POLICY

- A. Park pavilions, Hope Chapel and Heritage Garden can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis with no restrictions on the date. Reservations can be made for any date, based on availability, for any month or year. Full payment is due at the time of the reservation.
- B. You may be subject to any price increases that go into effect between the date the reservation is made and the event date.
- C. PRM does not grant refunds for Heritage Garden or Hope Chapel reservations.
- D. Request refunds for pavilion reservations up to 30 days before the reservation date. Requests must be in writing. PRM deducts a 10% cancellation fee from the refund.



SHELTER RESERVATIONS

Per Shelby Township Ordinance Article II: "Public Parks, Section 50-33 Permits, a permit is required for picnics, outings, or gatherings of 20 or more persons."

All reservations provide for use from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes first. A fee is assessed to reserve the use of a shelter at all parks. Please see individual park information for rental fees and amenities.

For inquiries and reservations, contact the PRM office at 14975 21 Mile Road or call 586-731-0300. All reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and cannot be held without full payment. PRM accepts cash, check, Visa or MasterCard for reservations if a contract or receipt cannot be emailed, PRM assesses a \$5 mailing fee.

ATHLETIC FIELD RENTALS

Various athletic fields are available to rent on a limited basis. Please contact the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300 for availability information and pricing.

TENTS, BOUNCE HOUSES, RENTED ITEMS, OR SPECIAL REQUESTS

Requests for the use of tents, bounce houses, dunk tanks, caterers, and any other rented items, live music, or any special request not listed herein are subject to approval by the director. Tents cannot exceed 20'x40' dimensions. Any business supplying equipment must provide proof of liability insurance listing Shelby Township as an additional insured for the event date at least 30 working days before the reserved date. All rented equipment must be brought into the park on the reserved date and removed at the end of the same day.



RESPONSIBLE PARTY

The person that signs the *Shelter Use Contract* shall be responsible for all damages caused during the use of the shelter. Further, the renter shall not cause, allow any destruction of, or injury to said shelter, the park, or any park thereof, nor use the same except for the specific purpose indicated on the permit.

REFUNDS

Request refunds for pavilion reservations up to 30 days before the reservation date. Requests must be in writing. PRM deducts a 10% cancellation fee from the refund. Any reservation made less than 30 days in advance is non-refundable. The letter must state that you wish to cancel the reservation for shelter use. If payment was made by cash or check, a check will be processed and mailed to the address on the permit within four weeks. Refunds for credit card payment will be immediate.

PARK AMENITIES



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The following are available without a reservation to park visitors:

- Several 6-foot picnic tables and grills scattered throughout the parks
- Playscapes located in several parks
- Disc golf located within River Bends Park
- Horseshoe pits and volleyball nets are available at each pavilion at no charge. Parties that rent the shelters receive priority for use. You must provide your horseshoes and volleyball.
- All general park rules apply to those renting any picnic shelter. Please review the rules and guidelines prior to your event.



PARK AMENITY SYMBOLS



Playground



Picnic Pavilion



Restrooms



Charcoal Grill



Fire Pit



Pet Waste Bags



Bike Repair Station



5K Marked Trail



Walking Trails



Sand Volleyball



Sledding



Pickleball



Tennis Courts



Horseshoe Pits



Ice Skating



Ball Diamonds



Skateboarding



Soccer Fields



Disc Golf



Basketball Courts



Fishing

RIVER BENDS PARK

RYAN ROAD ENTRANCE: River Bends Drive, east side of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road

22 MILE (MAIN) ENTRANCE: 5700 22 Mile Road, west of Shelby Road



River Bends Park is rich in plant and animal life and has historical significance as well. Two sections make up this 626-acre park, which is divided by the Clinton River that flows for roughly six miles through the park. A pedestrian bridge connects the park's two sections with evidence of the historic Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal on its eastern boundary.

BITTERSWEET SHELTER

SIZE: 45' X 33'
CAPACITY: 170 parking spaces
FEE: \$170 - Residents
 \$200 - Nonresidents

AMENITIES:

- Electricity and water
- One barbeque grill
- Picnic tables with seating for 90-100
- Sand volleyball (must provide ball)
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)
- Modern restrooms - located close to shelter
- Water spigot located on south side of restrooms building

HICKORY GROVE SHELTER

SIZE: 40' X 30'
CAPACITY: 170 parking spaces
FEE: \$170 - Residents
 \$200 - Nonresidents

AMENITIES:

- Electricity and water (in restrooms only)
- One barbeque grill
- Picnic tables with seating for 90-100
- Sand volleyball (must provide ball)
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)
- Modern restrooms - attached to rear of pavilion
- Playground and 4 belt swings

MAPLEVIEW SHELTER

SIZE: 50' X 30'
CAPACITY: 170 parking spaces
FEE: \$110 - Residents
 \$140 - Nonresidents

AMENITIES:

- Electricity and water
- One barbeque grill
- Picnic tables with seating for 90-100
- Sand volleyball (must provide ball)
- Horseshoe pits (must provide horseshoes)
- One portable toilet (maintained regularly)

BARRIER FREE PLAYGROUND

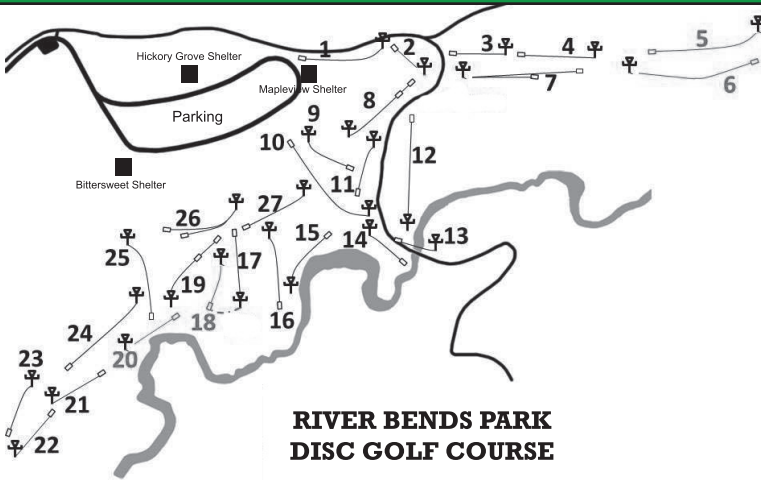
Located northeast of Bittersweet Shelter, this all-inclusive playground is designed with all kids in mind, including those with special needs. The rubberized surface allows for better accessibility to wheelchairs and walkers while providing a safe area for all ages to play. Construction of this playground was funded by area service organizations and businesses. PRM maintains the structure.

RIVER BENDS PARK BRIDGE

Visitors to River Bends Park have access to the entire park via a bridge that crosses the Clinton River connecting the 22 Mile Picnic Park to Woodall Community Park, the trap and archery range and the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center in the Ryan Road section. The bridge is open to foot and bicycle traffic only. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on the pathways or bridge.



RIVER BENDS PARK



RIVER BENDS PARK DISC GOLF COURSE

Shelby Township owns and maintains a disc golf course located within River Bends Park. Access the course from the park's 22 Mile Road entrance at 5700 22 Mile Road. It is comprised of 27 holes, is free of charge and is open to all users during regular park hours. You must provide your discs for play.

Any groups or persons operating a league must obtain a special use permit from the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department. Fees may apply.

RIVER BENDS PARK FISHING SITE

East side of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road and along the Clinton River



FISHING SITE RULES

1. An adult must accompany children as banks along the river can be unstable.
2. All persons fishing at River Bends Park must have the proper license. Patrons should refer to the DNR Rules and Regulations Fishing Booklet for license requirements.

Fishing licenses may be purchased at most sporting goods stores as well as:

- Meijer (Hall & Hayes roads)
- Meijer (26 Mile Road and Van Dyke Ave.)
- Walmart (23 Mile Road and M-53)

RIVER BENDS PARK ORGANIZATIONAL CAMP

East side of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road and east of the fishing site



This rustic area is available to organizations only - such as scout groups for day camp or overnight camping experiences. The Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department takes reservations. Call 586-731-0300 for information.

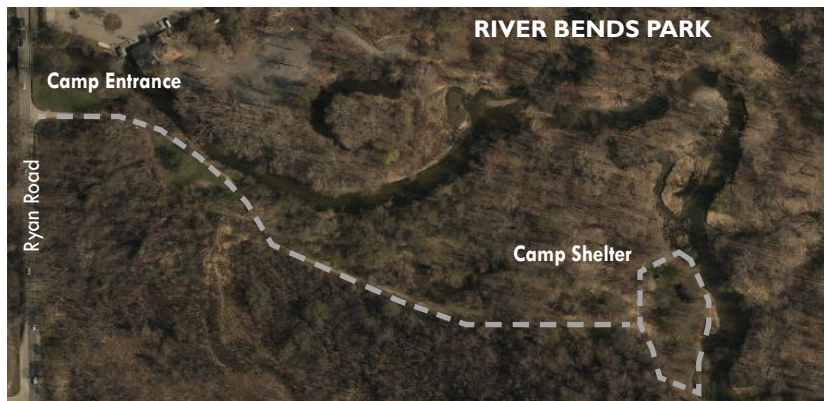
ORGANIZATIONAL CAMP RENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ONLY

SIZE: 20' X 40' rustic shelter

FEE: \$15 - Daily
\$25 - 24 hour period, beginning at noon. Must vacate by noon the next day

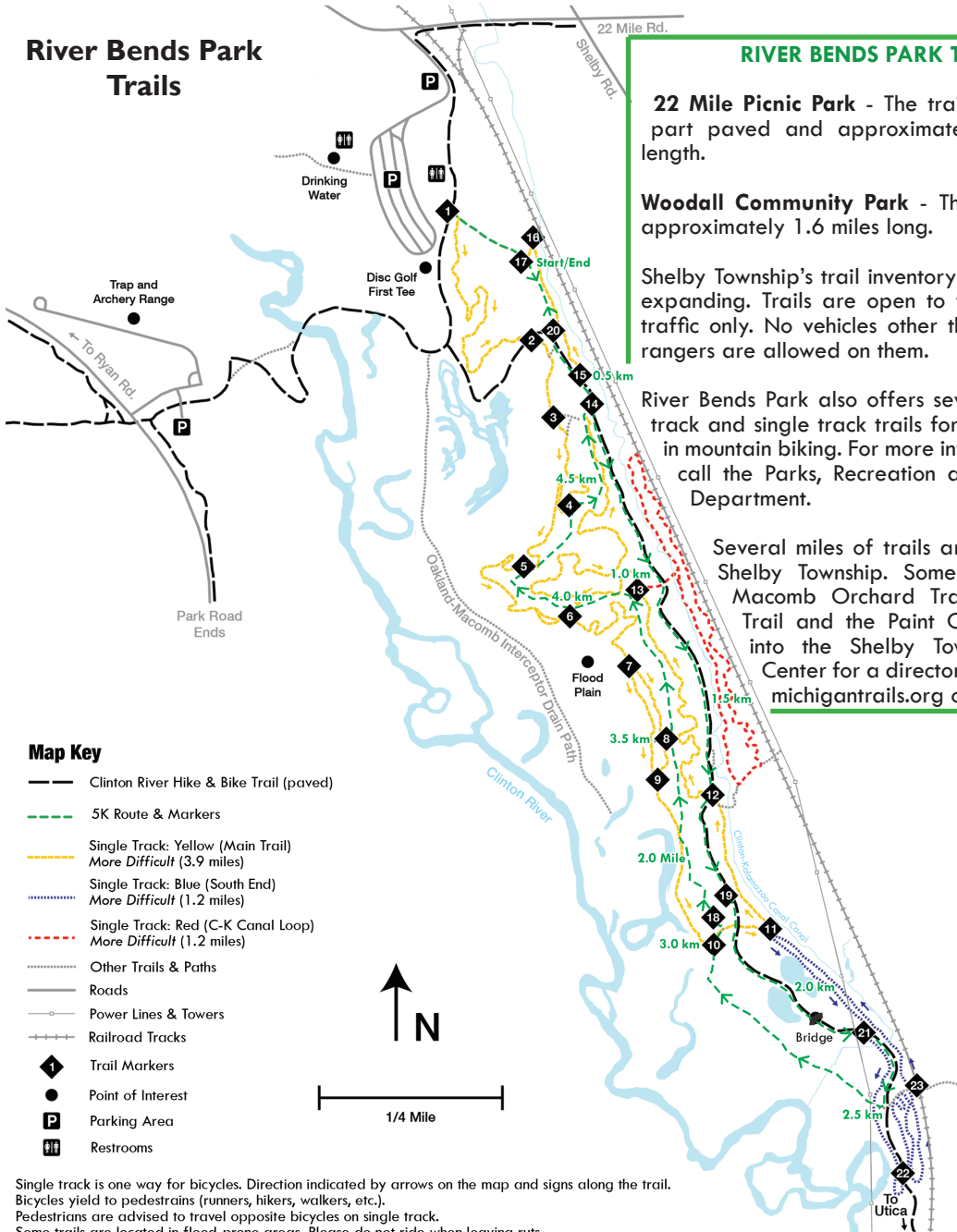
AMENITIES:

- One unisex primitive restroom
- One single barbecue grill
- Picnic tables with seating for 25-30
- No running water or electricity
- Fire Pit - Responsible adults only



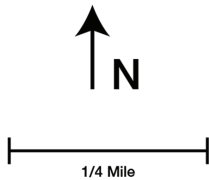
RIVER BENDS PARK

River Bends Park Trails



Map Key

- Clinton River Hike & Bike Trail (paved)
- - - 5K Route & Markers
- - - Single Track: Yellow (Main Trail)
More Difficult (3.9 miles)
- - - Single Track: Blue (South End)
More Difficult (1.2 miles)
- - - Single Track: Red (C-K Canal Loop)
More Difficult (1.2 miles)
- - - Other Trails & Paths
- Roads
- Power Lines & Towers
- Railroad Tracks
- ◆ Trail Markers
- Point of Interest
- P Parking Area
- ♿ Restrooms



RIVER BENDS PARK TRAILS

22 Mile Picnic Park - The trail is part gravel, part paved and approximately 2.5 miles in length.

Woodall Community Park - The paved trail is approximately 1.6 miles long.

Shelby Township's trail inventory is vast and ever expanding. Trails are open to foot and bicycle traffic only. No vehicles other than those of the rangers are allowed on them.

River Bends Park also offers several MMBA two track and single track trails for those interested in mountain biking. For more information please call the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department.

Several miles of trails are located within Shelby Township. Some connect to the Macomb Orchard Trail, Clinton River Trail and the Paint Creek Trail. Stop into the Shelby Township Activities Center for a directory of trails or visit michigantrails.org or alltrails.com.

Single track is one way for bicycles. Direction indicated by arrows on the map and signs along the trail. Bicycles yield to pedestrians (runners, hikers, walkers, etc.). Pedestrians are advised to travel opposite bicycles on single track. Some trails are located in flood-prone areas. Please do not ride when leaving ruts.

Adapted Steve Vigneau/Clinton River Area Mountain Bike Association (CRAMBA-IMBA) Map

RIVER BENDS PARK

River Bends Park Trap & Archery Range

4863 River Bends Drive, east side of Ryan, south of 22 Mile Road

See map on Page 12 for location.

DAILY RANGE PASS FEE

Regular Day Pass - \$6 per shooter

Junior, Senior & Military Day Pass - \$4 per shooter

ANNUAL RANGE PASS FEE

Regular Annual Card - \$40 per shooter

Junior, Senior & Military - \$30 per shooter

Senior - over 65

Junior - under 15, accompanied by an adult

OPERATING HOURS

Jan & Feb

Sat & Sun 9 AM until dusk

Closed Mon - Fri

March through Dec.

Thu - Sun 9 AM - 8 PM (or until dusk)

Closed Mon - Wed

**Closed on major holidays &
in extreme weather**

TRAP RANGE RULES

1. Shotguns only - no rifles or handguns of any kind
2. All shotguns will have the gauge size on the side of the barrel. Acceptable sizes (smallest to largest) are as follows: 410 - 28 - 20 - 16 - 12
3. All shooters are required to wear eye and ear protection.
4. No more than two (2) shells allowed in a shotgun at a time.
5. Flying clay targets (skeet) only - no patterning ground targets or slightly elevated targets.
6. Sighting of shotguns not permitted.
7. Maximum two shooters allowed at each shooting station.
8. No shotgun shells with heavy hunting loads - i.e. No. 2, buckshot, slugs.
9. No black powder is permitted in any type of gun.
10. No discharge of pistols of any kind.
11. All shotguns must have overall length of 26" or more.

The use of BB guns is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made with a Range Officer who MUST be present during use. 177 caliber pellets are not allowed.

ARCHERY RANGE RULES

1. Compound, long and recurve bows and target arrows are permitted
2. Crossbows are permitted. A crossbow arrow (bolt) stopper is recommended. Special crossbow rules apply - please see range officer for details.
3. No hunting or broadhead arrows (bolts) permitted.
4. Use approved targets only.

There are 11 trap and 16 archery stations are located at the range. Archery targets are placed at 10, 15, 30, 40 and 50 yards.



WOODALL NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

4550 River Bends Drive - east side of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road



Located inside River Bends Park, Woodall Neighborhood Park features a 1,200 square-foot picnic shelter with restrooms, a barbecue grill, and six 8-foot picnic tables. Also, in the 60-acre park, visitors will find a 1.6-mile paved fitness trail, basketball courts, a pickleball court, a sledding hill, eight baseball diamonds, Patriot Soccer Field, a skate park, and a playground with a belt swing and a tot swing.

Amenities include water in restrooms only, one single barbecue grill, and electricity. Please note that a reservation guarantees the use of the pavilion only; all other amenities are open to the public.



WOODALL SKATE PARK HOURS

Open April 1-Nov 1 No Fee
Weather permitting - Closed on major holidays

Ages 10 & Under 10-11:30 AM
All Ages 11:30 AM-7:30 PM

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat
Skateboards & In-line Skating

Tue, Thu, Sun BMX Bikes Only

WOODALL PARK SHELTER

SIZE: 40' X 30'
CAPACITY: 60 persons
Seating for 40-50
FEE: \$100 - Shelby/Utica residents
\$130 - Nonresidents



CHIEF GENE SHEPHERD PARK

2452 23 Mile Road, east of Dequindre



Built in 2013, Chief Gene Shepherd Park is the newest addition to Shelby Township's list of parks. Named in memory of the late Fire Chief Eugene Shepherd, the park has two sand volleyball courts, two tennis courts, bocce ball, horseshoes and a soccer field. Chief Gene Shepherd Park offers many options for those looking to get outdoors and have some fun. Visitors will also find a walking path that wraps around the park, as well as a firefighter themed playground and restrooms.

Pavilion visitors have access to picnic tables with seating for approximately 70-80, electricity, a nearby playground area, indoor restrooms, water in bathrooms only, and a barbeque grill.



SPLASH PAD

OPERATING HOURS

Memorial Day – Labor Day
11AM-7 PM
Weather Permitting

ENTRY FEES

Open to Shelby Township and Utica residents and their guests

Daily Wristband \$2 per child

Annual Family Pass \$25 (includes parents and up to 4 minor children)

Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

ADDITIONAL RULES POSTED ON-SITE

PLEASE NOTE: Shelby Township reserves the right to close the splash pad because of inclement weather, maintenance or special events.



CHIEF GENE SHEPHERD PARK

CHIEF GENE SHEPHERD PARK SHELTER

SIZE: 40' X 60'
CAPACITY: 170 parking spaces
Seating for approx. 70-80
FEE: \$170 - Shelby/Utica residents
\$200 - Nonresidents



MAE STECKER PARK

8600 24 Mile Road, east of Van Dyke Ave.



The crack of a bat and the roar of a crowd are some of the sounds of summer you'll hear at Mae Stecker Park. Named in memory of a former Shelby Township Clerk, this 14-acre park opened in 1974.

Mae Stecker Park's playscape was erected in 1997 with financial assistance from the Shelby Township Fraternal Order of Police. The tennis courts and sand volleyball courts provide activities for the summer, while a lighted, portable ice rink opens in the winter.

Other features of this park include two lighted softball diamonds with electronic scoreboards and dugouts, two state-of-the-art surface basketball courts donated by the Atherton Foundation in 2012, a 1.5-mile hiking trail, picnic tables, two tot-lots with two tot-swings, one belt swing, one handicap swing, a small picnic shelter, a single barbeque grill, and restrooms.



MAE STECKER PARK SHELTER

SIZE:	Approximately 15' X 15'
CAPACITY:	25-30 persons Seating for approx. 20-24
FEE:	\$50 - Shelby & Utica residents \$80 - Nonresidents

The ice rink is open to hockey on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and for family skate on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays when weather permits. Hours are 8 a.m.-11 p.m.



WHISPERING WOODS KIWANIS PARK

11000 21 Mile Road, east of Van Dyke Ave.



This 49.5-acre park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for all ages. In 1998 the Shelby-Utica Kiwanis Club funded the purchase and construction of a handicapped accessible, environmentally-friendly playscape made of recycled plastics.

Features of Whispering Woods Park include nine soccer fields, an irrigated baseball diamond, a comfort station, sand volleyball courts, an 11-piece tot lot and a barrier-free Kiwanis playscape, with three belt swings and one handicap swing, two picnic shelters, picnic tables, a 1.2-mile asphalt trail, walking/jogging paths and basketball courts.

FORD FIELD CENTRAL PARK

7460 23 Mile Road, west of Van Dyke Ave.



Established in 2005, Ford Field Central Park boasts a tradition of baseball and fun. This 31-acre parcel contains five ball diamonds, including two fields equipped with lights for night games. Ford Field Central Park hosts tournaments on its diamonds.

In the fall, two of the diamonds convert to three soccer fields.

RC model boat clubs utilize the pond at Ford Field Central Park on a limited basis. Swimming and fishing in the pond is prohibited.



The Shelby Township Lions Club was instrumental in the development of Ford Field Central Park. A generous donation of \$17,000 purchased the playscape located between diamonds 4 and 5. The Shelby Lions Club also provided funding for the construction of dugouts at all five ball fields as well as landscaping around the pavilion/restrooms.

HOLLAND PONDS

50385 Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road



Inside Holland Ponds lies 200 acres of natural plant and wildlife. Known for its heron rookery and beautiful walking trails, Holland Ponds welcomes bird watchers and hikers. The park also displays some of Shelby Township's history with remains of the abandoned Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal project, which date to 1838. A small pavilion sits towards the back of the park with portable restrooms at the park entrance.

The park, which is adjacent to the former G & H Landfill, was feared lost because of environmental contamination. Because of clean-up efforts, though, it houses thriving wildlife, fish and plant communities. Visitors regularly see proof of this success as they share the park with blue herons, green herons, great blue herons, little green herons and great egrets.



LOMBARDO PARK

11695 22 Mile Road, west of Schoenherr



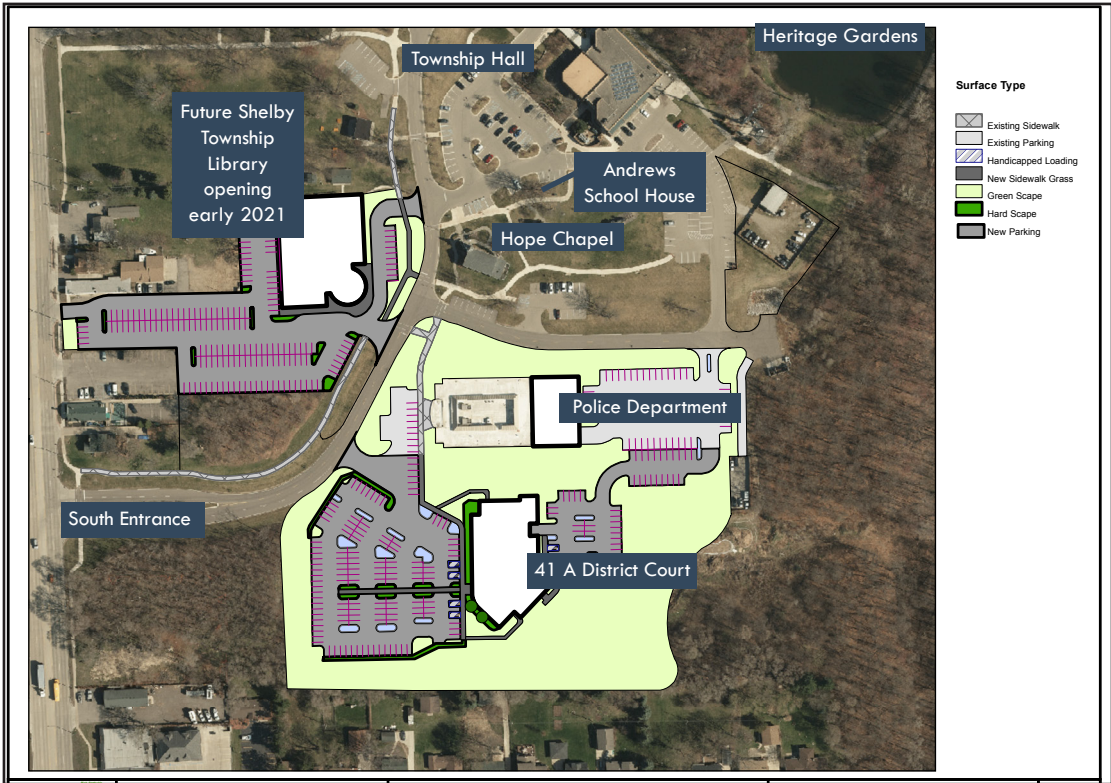
On May 1, 2001, the 34-acre Lombardo Park opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Shelby Township Board of Trustees. Lombardo Park features four ball diamonds, a playscape with two belt swings and a small pavilion restrooms.

The family of Cosmo Lombardo donated the property to the township and the township named the park in his honor. The Shelby Township Fraternal Order of Police donated funds for scoreboards at the ball diamonds.



MUNICIPAL CAMPUS

52700 Van Dyke Ave., south of 24 Mile Road



Shelby Township's 48-acre campus is home to the municipal offices, police station and the 41 A District Court. Each December the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department kicks off the holiday season with Christmas Aglow.

Visitors will also find history preserved at Hope Chapel, the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum and the antique train display.

Hope Chapel is available to rent for weddings, vow renewals and memorial services.

Please contact the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300 for available dates.



HISTORIC HOPE CHAPEL



WEDDING RESERVATION TIMES

Rehearsals	
Thursdays for one hour	4-9 PM
Ceremonies	
Fridays	4-6:30 PM
Sat & Sun	Noon-2:30 PM 3-5:30 PM 6-8:30 PM

CHAPEL AMENITIES

- Electricity, heat and air conditioning
- 132-square-foot wedding party preparation room
- Two restrooms
- Fixed podium for speaker/clergy
- Sound system with CD, MP3 and Bluetooth options as well as speakers, microphone and remote
- Small table for unity candle or sand ceremony
- Seats up to 80 guests, no extra chairs allowed due to fire safety regulations
- Handicapped-accessible entrances on both sides of porch.
- Chapel attendant opens and closes chapel for rehearsals and weddings

Hope Chapel was built in the 1890s and served as Hope United Methodist Church for many years. Its original home was on the west side of Van Dyke Ave., just north of 24 Mile Road.

In 2001, the building was moved from that site and placed on the Shelby Township Municipal Grounds next to the Andrews Schoolhouse Museum.

Thanks to several generous donations of funding and labor, the chapel has been renovated. It is available for wedding ceremonies year-round, except for major holidays and during special events.

FEES

\$335 - Shelby Township & Utica Residents
\$435 - Nonresidents

Celebrate your wedding at Shelby Township's Hope Chapel. This quaint venue has all the charm of a small-town near beautiful Heritage Garden. Reservations include a 2.5-hour time block and a one-hour rehearsal.



For more information and availability, contact the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department at 586-731-0300 or email shelbyprm@shelbytwp.org.

HERITAGE GARDEN



Maintained by the Shelby Gardeners Club and the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department, the beautiful Heritage Garden is located behind the Municipal Offices at 52700 Van Dyke Ave., east side, south of 24 Mile Road. The Garden runs adjacent to a 2 1/2 acre spring-fed lake and is surrounded by ornate wrought iron fencing. Completed by the Shelby Township Bicentennial Committee in 1975, Heritage Garden is available to reserve on an hourly basis for wedding ceremonies, wedding photos, family photos and more. An attendant is scheduled during reserved times to ensure that only the contractor and their designated party members will be permitted into the garden.

HOURLY FEES

\$35 per hour - Shelby Township & Utica Residents
\$110 per hour - Nonresidents

Fees are non-refundable and are collected in full when the reservation is made

GARDEN AMENITIES

- A 10' Gazebo is in a gated formal garden adjacent to the lake with an outdoor electrical box with one duplex outlet.
- Up to 10 white chairs are available to rent for \$5 per chair at the time the garden is reserved.
- Brick walkway leading to the gazebo from the Shelby Township Municipal Building.
- Plantings are seasonal and the fountain may not be operational October-April.

Gardens, trees and the surrounding areas are maintained by the Shelby Gardener's Club and by the Shelby Township Parks, Recreation and Maintenance staff.



A NOTE TO PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers and paid professionals are encouraged to make a reservation to ensure private use of the garden area and to offset operating and maintenance costs.

BURGESS-SHADBUSH NATURE CENTER

4101 River Bends Drive, west of Ryan Road, south of 22 Mile Road



NATURE CENTER PROGRAMMING

The Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center provides educational and informational programming and hosts many activities and annual events with the nature enthusiast in mind. Visitors can meet the critters that live at the center and roam miles of trails that surround it. Scouts and other groups can plan a field trip to the center, and the staff will design a program that fits the interests of the group.



VISIT OUR TEACHING GARDENS

The Burgess-Shadbush gardens include a deer-resistant garden, a native plant pollinator garden and a historical plant garden. Each garden contains a wealth of information, and brochures are available on the bulletin board by the entrance. During the summer, the gardens are utilized by day camp kids as they learn about the identification and functions of plant and insect life. All plants are labeled for easy identification. A group of volunteers spearheaded by Master Gardener Dianne Granthen curate and maintain these award-winning gardens. Anyone who would like to join this friendly group of gardeners is encouraged to sign up through the nature center. The nature center has copies of the gardening schedule displayed near the front door.

OPERATING HOURS

Mon & Tue	Closed
Wed-Sat	10 AM-6 PM
Sun	Noon-5 PM

Phone: 586-323-2478

Fax: 586-323-2479

naturecenter@shelbytwp.org

Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center activities and programs occur at or near the nature center. The nature center is in River Bends Park and accessed from the park's Ryan Road entrance near Hamlin Road. Visit the nature center on Facebook at facebook.com/burgessshadbushnaturecenter for details about upcoming events and more.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

You can hold your child's next birthday party at the Burgess-Shadbush Nature Center. The party includes a chance to touch, hold and take photos with some live animals. Weather permitting, it also includes our popular nature walk. Your reservation will cover the use of our multipurpose room for four hours.

Call the center at 586-323-2478 for available dates, fees and other details.

SHELBY TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES CENTER

14975 21 Mile Road, Shelby Township 48315

The Shelby Township Activities Center is home to a full-size gymnasium, dance/fitness room, lounge, cafeteria, crafts room, game room, computer lab and multiple meeting rooms. The center's primary focus Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. is for ages 50 and older. After 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends, the Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department hosts a variety of activities including basketball, pickleball, volleyball, fitness classes, crafts classes and educational seminars for all ages. There are rooms available to rent for local businesses to host meetings and a place to host parties with seating of more than 100 guests.



SENIOR CENTER OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Shelby Township Senior Center has various activities, events and parties available for registered members, age 50 and older. Membership must be renewed every year and the cost is \$5 for residents of Shelby Township and Utica, and \$10 for nonresidents.

Contact the senior center office at 586-739-7540 or email seniors@shelbytwp.org.

SENIOR BUS SERVICES

Did you know that the senior center operates four buses, every day, Monday through Friday? Contact the senior center for more information.

SENIOR LOAN CLOSET

This is a free service to the community. Crutches, canes, portable commodes, walkers and wheelchairs are available to loan for short term.

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

To access the current senior center newsletter visit shelbytwp.org/seniors.

ROOM RENTALS

Need a room for a meeting or planning a party? We can provide rooms, complete with tables and chairs at the Shelby Township Activities Center on weekdays from 5-9 p.m. and during daytime hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Please note that the kitchen is not available and no alcohol is permitted on the premises.

Call 586-731-0300 for more information. Prices are subject to change.

Main Gym \$75/hour resident
\$100/hour nonresident

North/South Gym \$50/hour resident
\$75/hour nonresident

Cafeteria - Max of 125 \$60/hour resident
\$80/hour nonresident

Wertz Room - Max of 40 \$40/hour resident
\$50/hour nonresident

Rooms 2 & 3 or 4 & 5 \$30/hour resident
Max of 25 \$40/hour nonresident

Room 7 (craft room) - Max of 25 \$30/hour resident
\$40/hour nonresident

4 Outdoor Pickleball Courts and a 50' x 21' pavilion are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Non-Profit Organizations – Rooms 2-5
\$15 flat fee for any meeting 3 hours or under
\$25 flat fee for any meeting over 3 hours



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