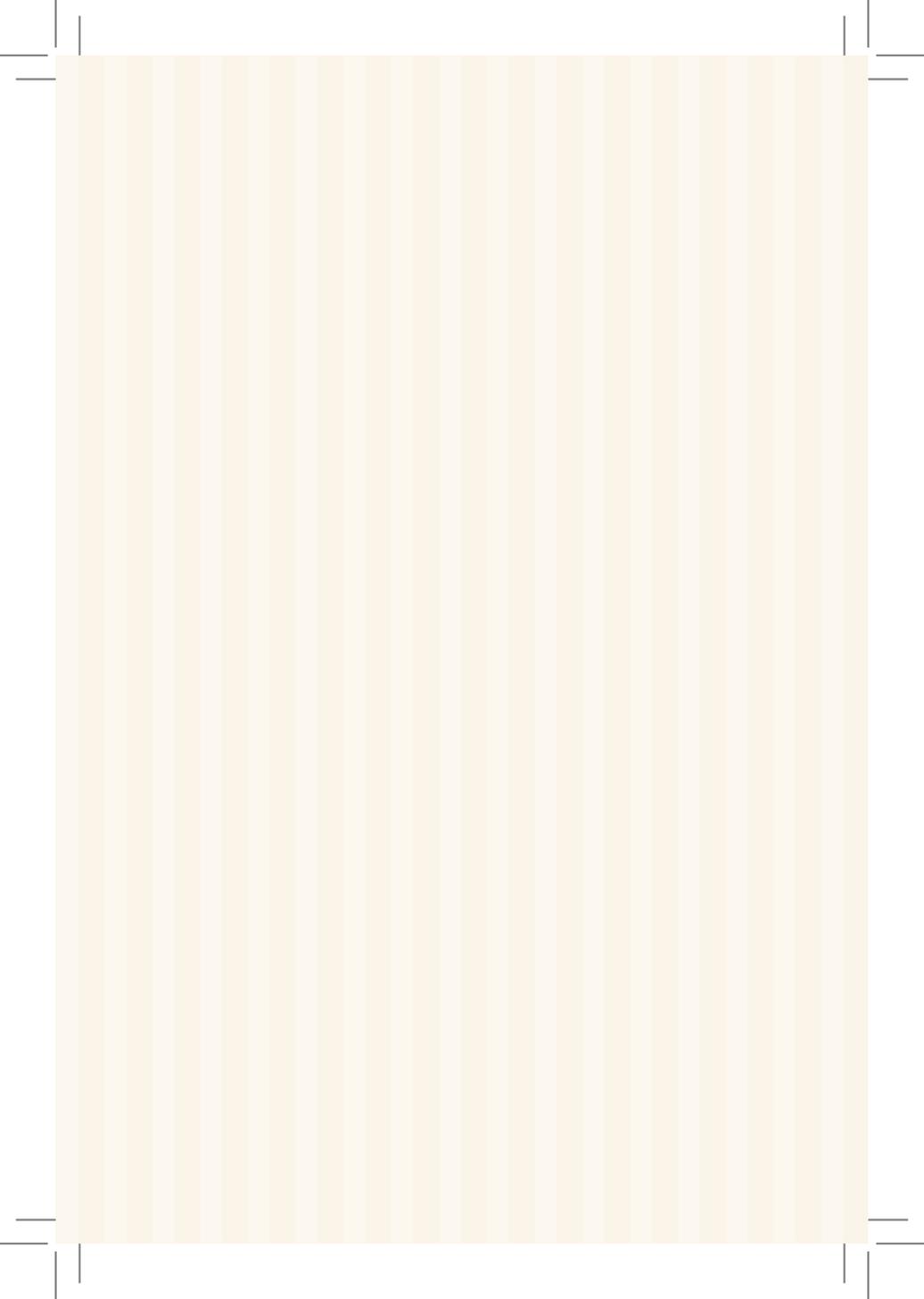




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This handbook provides information about the many recreational opportunities available in the City of Mountain Brook. We encourage you to visit our parks to see what the City has to offer.

Inside you will find information about the fields, parks, and trails throughout the City, as well as contact information for reserving the tennis courts and picnic areas.

The City of Mountain Brook Parks and Recreation Department is devoted to providing residents and visitors with a safe and pleasant environment for various activities. We are here to ensure everyone in the community is able to enjoy the beauty of our great city.

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Mountain Brook Parks and Recreation

Mission Statement

To responsibly manage Mountain Brook's natural resources, parks, and recreational facilities in order to enrich the quality of life of our residents and visitors.

Vision Statement

As a result of the efforts of the staff of the Parks and Recreation Department, Mountain Brook residents and visitors will enjoy the finest park system and recreational facilities in the Birmingham area and in the State of Alabama.

Core Values

Integrity
Safety
Teamwork
Professionalism
Quality
Accountability
Resident Responsiveness

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Youth Sports

A variety of youth sports are offered through private organizations in the community. The dedication and effort of Mountain Brook residents allow children to enjoy some of the finest recreational opportunities in the area.

Youth Sports Include:

Football	Basketball
Baseball	Wrestling
Softball	Volleyball
Lacrosse	Cheerleading
Flag Football	Soccer

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Jemison Park

(2615 Mountain Brook Parkway)

This 54-acre linear park designed for preservation as a green way, is used for walking, jogging, reading, bird watching, and enjoying a picnic. Visitors are able to relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of nature while strolling along Shades Creek. Owls, hawks, raccoons, and fox are among the animals residing in the area, along with abundant native plant species. The natural beauty of the area makes Jemison Park one of the most popular walking attractions in Mountain Brook. The one mile concrete trail connects with the Nature Trail and the Watkins Trace Trail. Because it is tied in with the City's sidewalk system, it is easily accessible to residents. There are also several parking spaces along Mountain Brook Parkway for parking.



Nature Trail

(3344 Overbrook Road)

On the east end of Jemison Park is the Nature Trail which stretches 6/10 of a mile long before connecting to the City's sidewalks at Beechwood Road. It is a gravel path that runs parallel with Overbrook Road and offers scenic views of Shades Creek.



Watkins Trace Trail

(2400 Mountain Brook Parkway)

On the northwest end of Jemison Park is the Watkins Trace Trail. It is 4/10 of a mile and runs parallel with Cahaba Road. The gravel trail winds peacefully towards Mountain Brook Elementary and connects with the City's sidewalks at Watkins Road.



Irondale Furnace

(4143 Stone River Road)

The Irondale blast furnace is steeped in local history, dating back to the Civil War, but today the location consists of a tranquil walking trail leading to the site where the furnace once stood. The foundation was recently restored, and plaques tell the story of the facility that once occupied over 2,000 acres. Benches are available in the open grove and provide a peaceful respite in the wooded area. Dog stations are available on site, so residents are encouraged to bring the family pets and enjoy the beauty of this natural park. The end of the 6/10 of a mile trail connects to the City's sidewalks on Old Leeds Road. Parking is provided on Stone River Road.



Overton Park

(3020 Overton Road)

Overton Park offers something for every member of the family. A large playground area is



perfect for children, while a 2/10 of a mile brick walking path gives parents a chance to exercise. A beautiful lawn area offers opportunities for a picnic, and a pavilion is available to rent for birthday parties or other celebrations. A single unisex restroom is conveniently located within the park. There is plenty of parking with one parking lot located by the tennis courts and another parking lot shared with the Jewish Chabad Center next door. Grilling and inflatables are not allowed in the park.

In addition to the park area, tennis and basketball courts are also available for public use. Residents are asked to be courteous and limit playing time to one hour when others are waiting for a court.

For more information on renting the pavilion, please refer to page 16.



Crestline Tot Lot

(3781 Jackson Boulevard)

The Tot Lot, located in the heart of Crestline Village, consists of play equipment primarily designed for young children. The park is completely fenced, allowing children to safely enjoy the swings and play set, while their parents relax at the picnic tables and benches. Parking is available in the adjacent alley above the park and across Church Street along Jackson Boulevard by Crestline Elementary. Dogs are not allowed in the Tot Lot.



Canterbury Park

(2750 Canterbury Road)

Located just off Montevallo Road, Canterbury Park consists of a small playground area that is a great place for young children to play. Picnic tables and benches are also found at the park, providing parents a place to sit and talk while their children enjoy some fun. This park serves as a convenient gathering place for neighbors and is a popular hangout for kids after school.



Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church

(3405 Brookwood Road)

In conjunction with the Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church, the City of Mountain Brook built a walking trail around the church property. The trail was built partially on the easement of the street right of way and partially on the church property. This undulating trail, which is 7/10 of a mile long, is open to the public for walking and jogging.



Cahaba River Walk

(3503 Overton Road)

Cahaba River Walk, Mountain Brook's newest park, opened in April 2015. It is a 5-acre park located along the Cahaba River. This park is special because of the diverse activities it offers to visitors. There is a 2/10 of a mile paved walking trail, a pavilion for social gatherings, some exercise equipment, and open space for free play. There is also easy access to the river for fishing, swimming, and rafting. This park is truly a unique gem in that it offers all these activities and still maintains a beautiful natural setting.

For more information on renting the pavilion, please refer to page 16.



Mountain Brook Athletic Complex

(3650 Bethune Drive)

The City of Mountain Brook is devoted to offering quality recreational opportunities for all residents, and the Athletic Complex provides fields and courts for children of all ages to participate in various sports.



The complex is located on the Mountain Brook High School campus and includes six baseball/softball fields, three soccer fields, six tennis courts, a children's playground, a concession stand, and restroom facilities. The complex stays busy year round with community sporting events organized by Mountain Brook Athletics and Mountain Brook Soccer. For more information on these organizations, please refer to page 4 of the handbook.

Rathmell Sports Park

(3576 East Street)



Rathmell Sports Park, maintained by the Mountain Brook Sports Park Foundation, consists of 6 fields used for soccer and lacrosse. There is a pavilion that houses a concession stand and restrooms for convenient use. These fields host various soccer and lacrosse tournaments throughout the year.

Other Sports Fields

The City of Mountain Brook, in agreement with the Mountain Brook Board of Education, maintains the sports fields at all the outlying schools. This, in return, allows the residents to use them publicly through Mountain Brook Athletics, Mountain Brook Soccer, and Mountain Brook Lacrosse. A public restroom is available for park patrons at Brookwood Forest Elementary. The Park Board will add one near Crestline Elementary and Mountain Brook Elementary in 2016.

The individual fields and their most common uses are listed below:

Brookwood Forest Elementary (3701 South Brookwood Road)

Soccer/Lacrosse

Cherokee Bend Elementary (4400 Fair Oaks Drive)

Baseball

Crestline Elementary (3785 Jackson Boulevard)

Baseball/Flag Football

Mountain Brook Elementary (3020 Cambridge Road)

Soccer/Lacrosse

Mountain Brook Junior High (205 Overbrook Road)

Flag Football



Tennis Information

Tennis courts are located at Overton Park (2), MB High School (6), MB Junior High (4), Crestline Elementary (2), and Mountain Brook Elementary (2). All courts in the parks and on school campuses are hard surface. Courts are available for public use, with the schools' physical education and athletic programs having priority use of all facilities. Residents wishing to reserve a court should contact the following:

Overton Park courts and MBHS courts:

Park and Recreation Department 802-3877

Courts at all other schools:

Mountain Brook Community Education 969-0109



Facility Rental Information

The City of Mountain Brook Park and Recreation Department rents several recreational areas to the public. Anyone wishing to rent or reserve one or more of these locations must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Park Board.

For a fee schedule, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 802-3877 or visit their page on the City website at www.mtnbrook.org.

All fees paid help defray the cost of maintenance and utility charges for use of the facilities.

- Rental fees for various facilities are set by the Park Board. Payment should be made to the Park and Recreation Department at 3698 Bethune Drive, Mountain Brook, AL 35223.
- Any agency or group wishing to rent or reserve an area will assume complete responsibility for damages and accidents incurred on site during the event.
- All trash and litter must be disposed of prior to leaving the area.
- All activities at lighted facilities shall cease at 9:00 pm. At unlit facilities, all activities shall cease at sundown.
- Gambling and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on premises.
- Refunds will only be made for games/programs cancelled by the city. There will be no other reason for refunds. An event may be rescheduled if the city receives a cancellation notice within 48 hours of the originally scheduled event.
- Activities with sound amplification are discouraged. Prior approval from the Parks Superintendent will be required for such activities.

Rules and Regulations for City Parks

Language: No person shall use threatening, abusive, insulting, or indecent language designed to provoke a break of the peace.

Destruction: No person shall willfully, wantonly, maliciously break, cut, disfigure, pick, injure, or destroy any vegetation. The same will apply to any railing, structure, plaque, or monument in any park.

Gateways: All persons should enter and exit the parks via the designated gateways. No one should climb or walk upon the walls or fences of any city park.

Pedestrians Only: No roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, bikes, scooters, three-wheelers, etc. The only devices allowed with wheels are ones aiding handicap visitors or baby strollers.

Weapons: No weapons or fireworks are allowed.

Missiles: No one should throw stones or other missiles of any kind. The Park Board also prohibits such sports as archery, javelin throwing, discus throwing, and other activities involving dangerous missiles.

Golf: Golfing is strictly prohibited in any city park or on any athletic field.

Behavior: It is unlawful to incite or participate in riots, indulge in boisterous, threatening, indecent, or disorderly conduct. Violators will be asked to leave or prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In addition to these general park rules, there are specific rules and regulations that may apply. These rules are posted in their corresponding locations such as batting cages, tennis courts, park specific rules, etc.

Field Policy

To protect our turf and irrigation systems, no vehicles will be allowed on playing fields or in city parks. Tent stakes are prohibited unless authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Field Condition Flag Designation

Different colored flags will be displayed at each field to indicate whether the field is in a condition suitable for play. This is determined by the Parks and Recreation Department and is meant to alert anyone approaching the field.

Failure to abide by the flags could result in a fine.

Green Flag: Field is dry and stable enough to sustain play, practice or games.

Yellow Flag: Field has some wet and dry areas. In this instance, practice may be held in the drier areas, but no games may be played.

Red Flag: Field has standing water and/or is considered to be saturated. Due to the instability of the playing surface, the field is closed to all practice, games, and play.

Note: The absence of a flag does not automatically mean the field is playable. On game days, only a red or green flag will be present.

Pet Policy

The City of Mountain Brook has a leash law. All pets must be on a leash and under the control of their guardian at all times. (Mountain Brook, AL, Code of Ordinances, Sec 6-58: Sec. 6-108.)

Dogs are not allowed in the Crestline Tot Lot, and may not be on any fields at the High School Sports Complex or other playing fields within the thirty minutes before or after an organized sporting event.

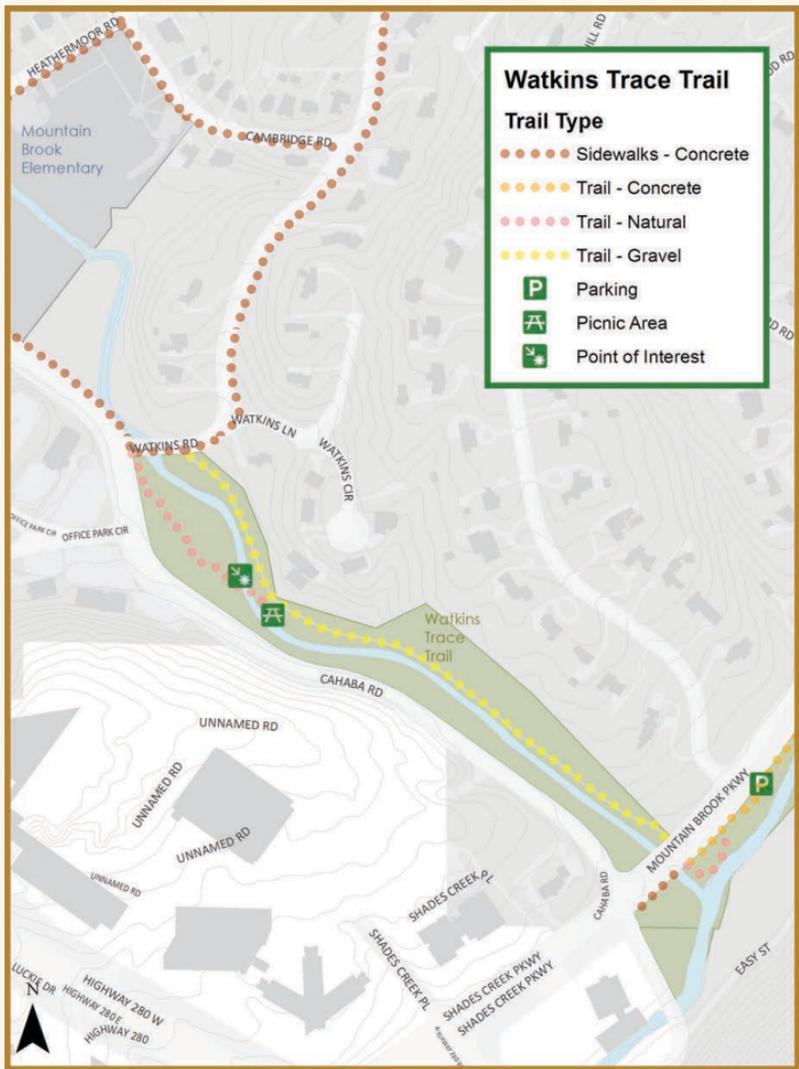
Pets must be curbed at all times and never soil any portion of the parks or playing fields. Pet owners should immediately and properly clean up any accidents that may occur. Dog stations are located in parks throughout the city for the convenience of visitors. The disposable bags are bio-degradable and will not harm the environment.

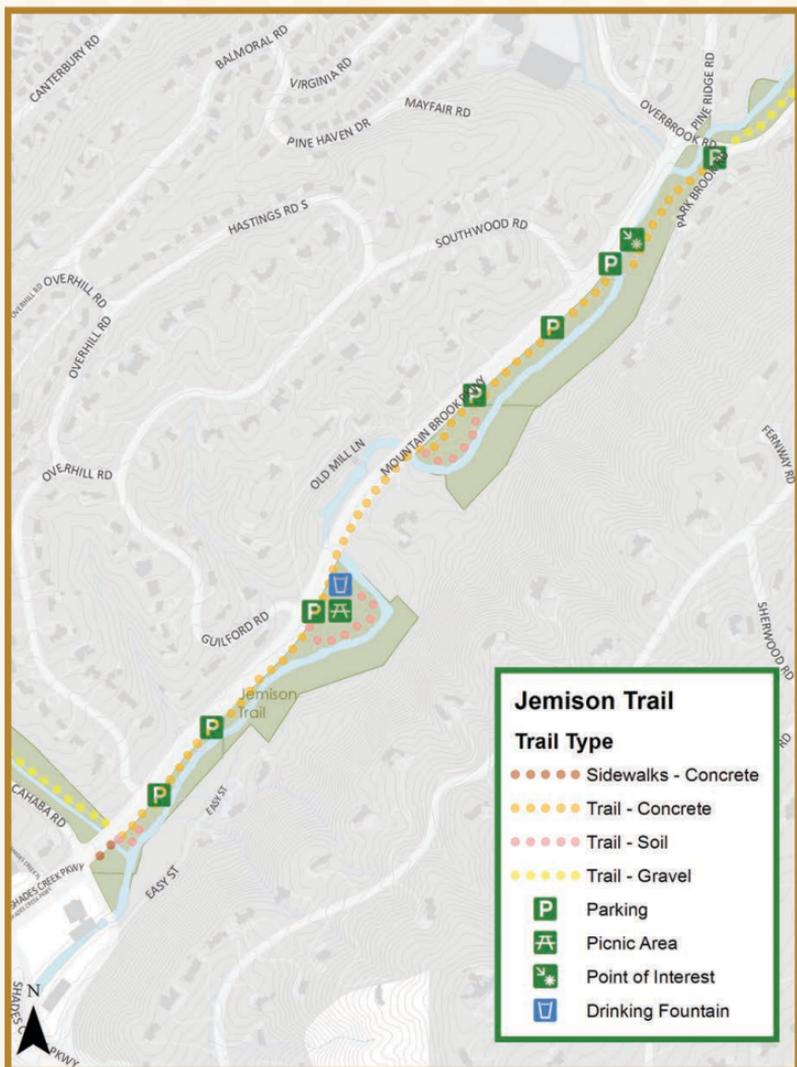
Concerned individuals should report violations to Animal Control at 871-3535.

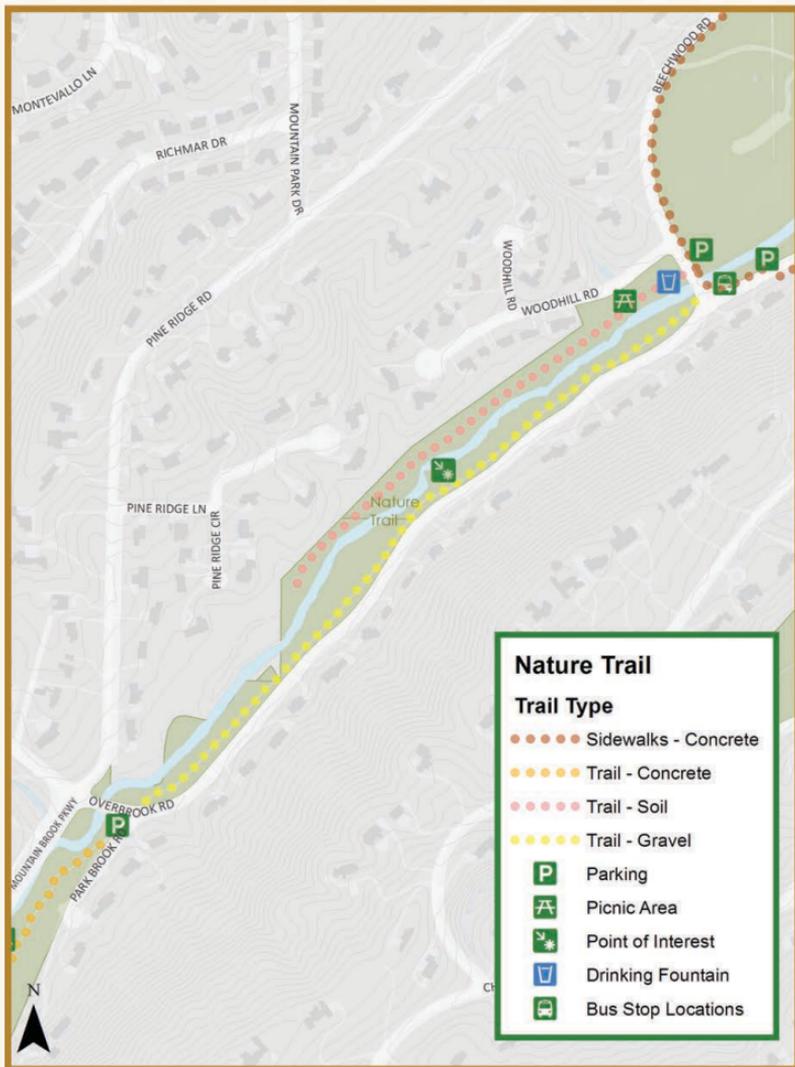
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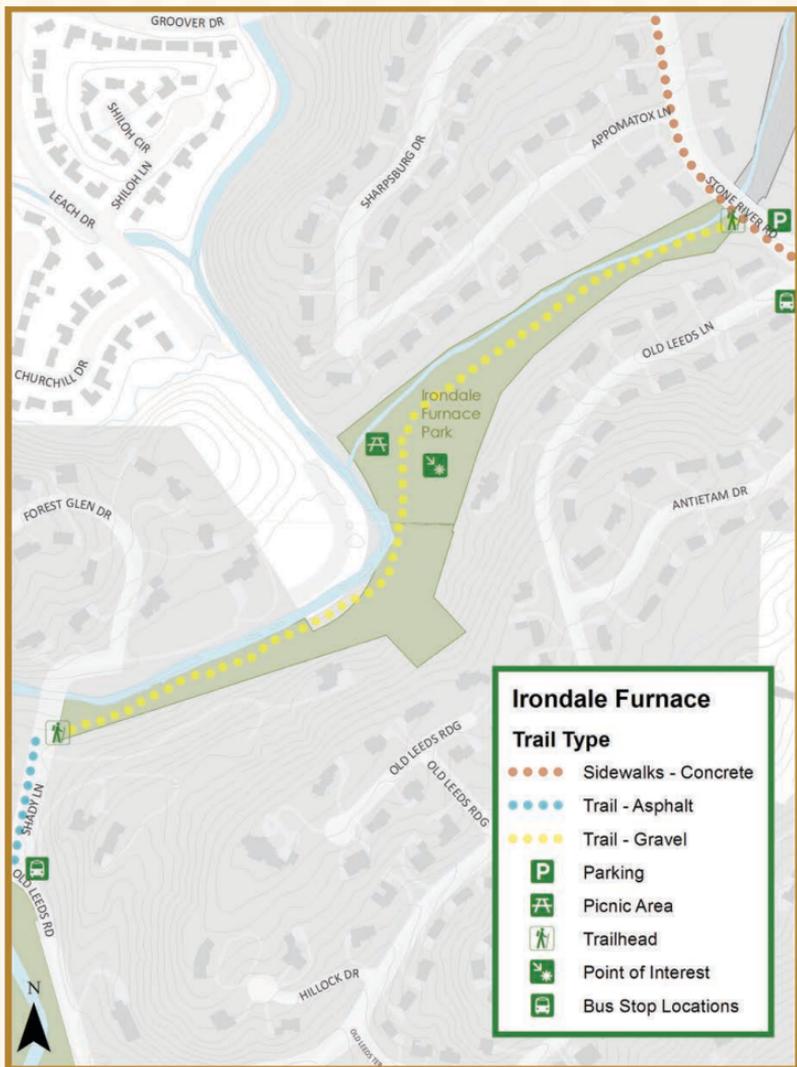
- A popular tribute in honor or memory of a loved one is to place a personalized bench or picnic table within their favorite park. The Park Board has adopted a uniform design policy for these benches and picnic tables.
- Trees and shrubs may be planted in honor of someone, but no plaques may be used. Plaques must be placed only on fixed inanimate items such as the benches and picnic tables.
- An engraved brick may be purchased and placed in the plaza in front of City Hall.
- Other ideas for memorials will be considered as well.

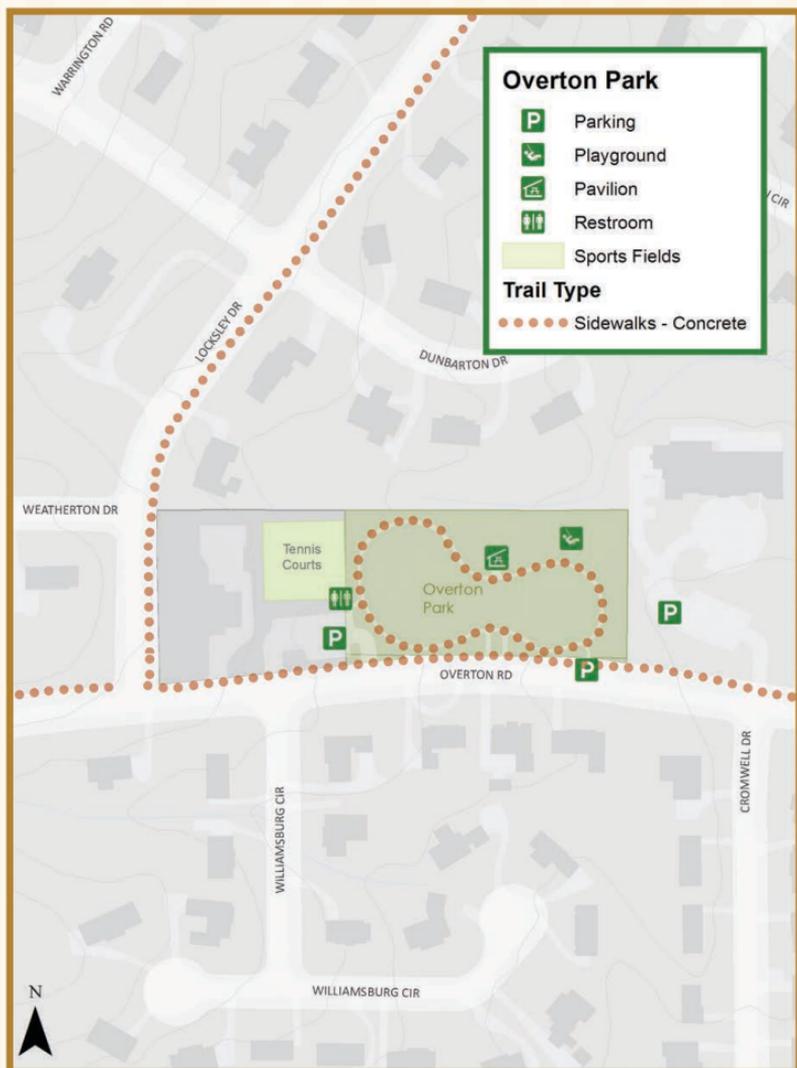
If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of an individual or group, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department. All memorials must be approved by the Park Board.

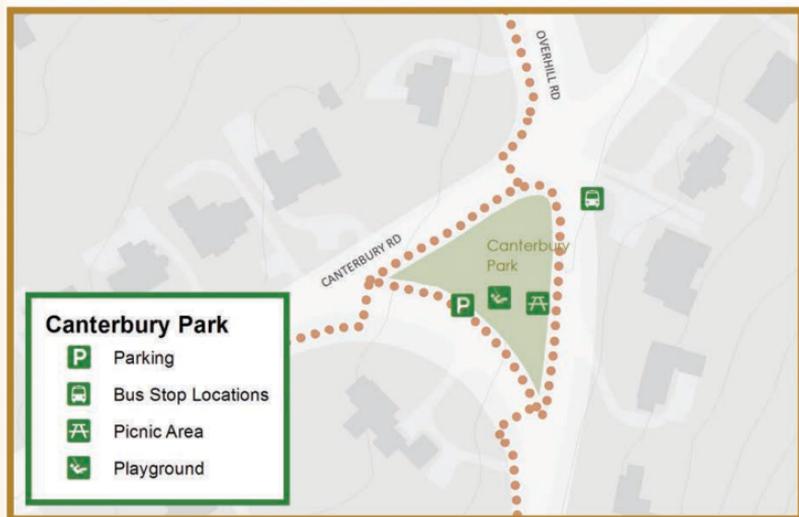
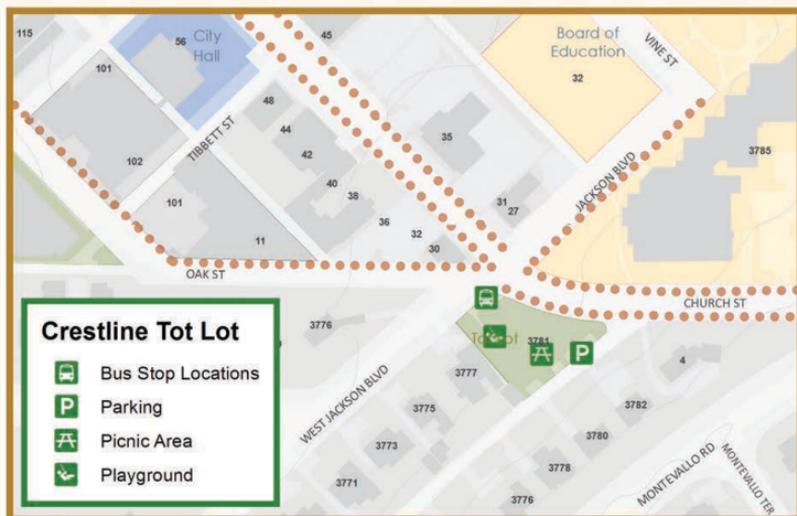


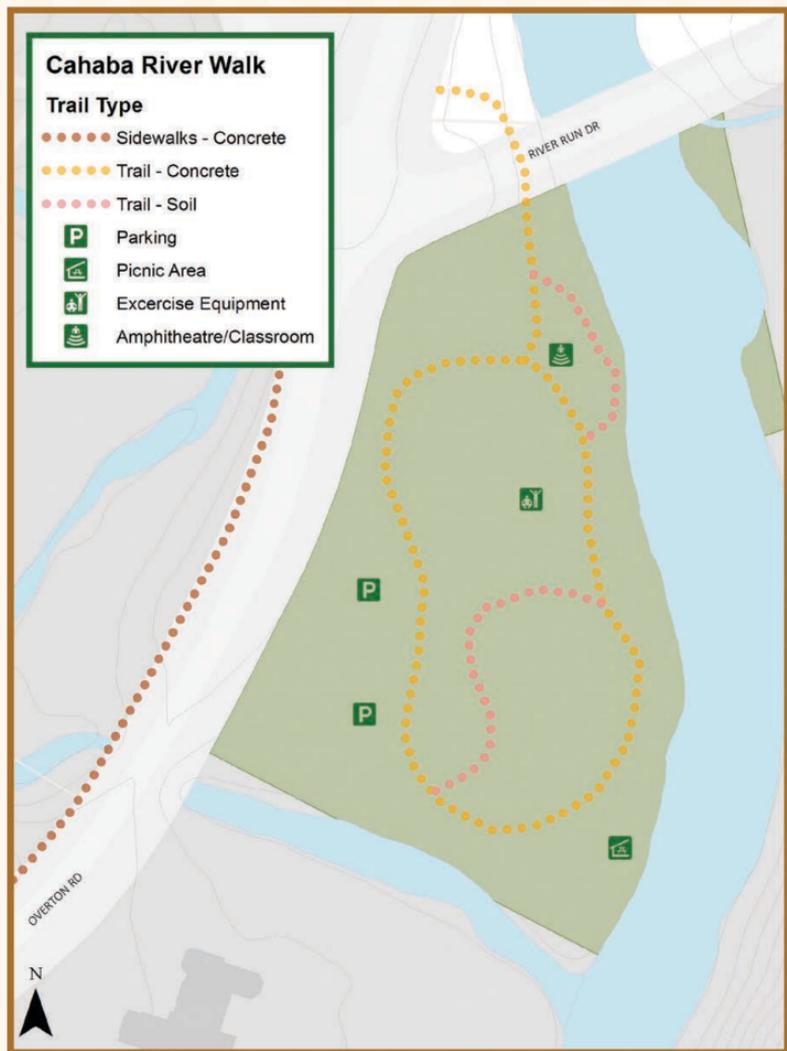


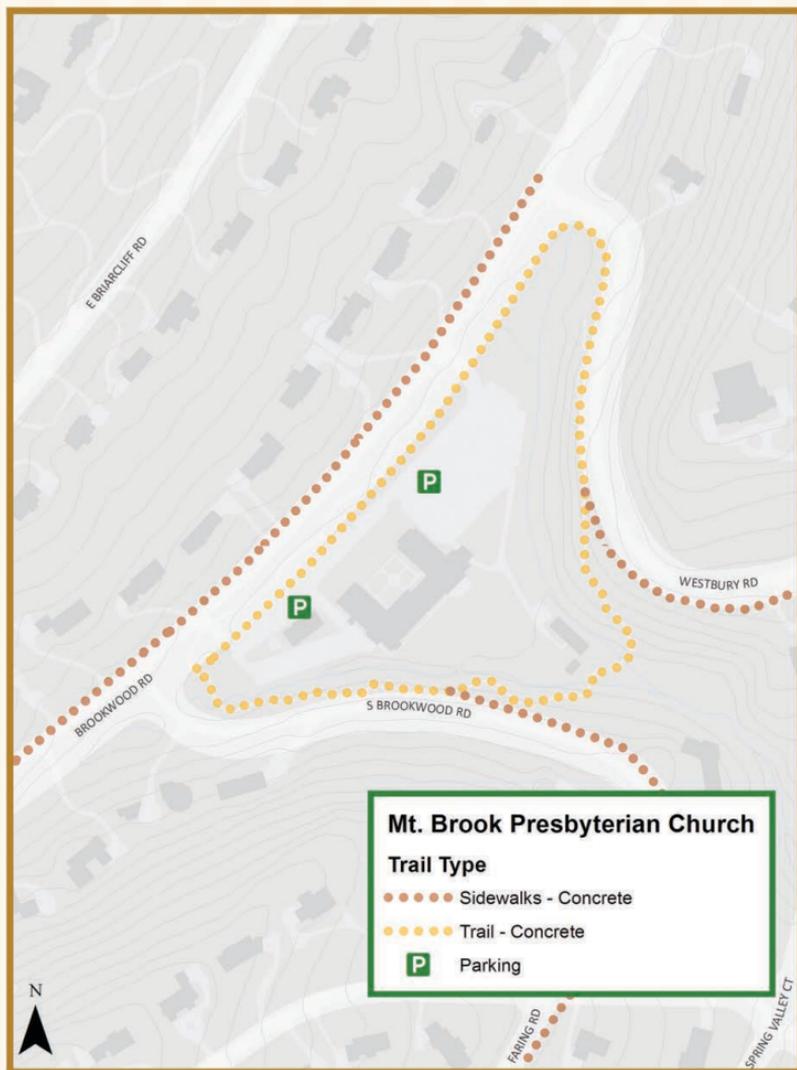








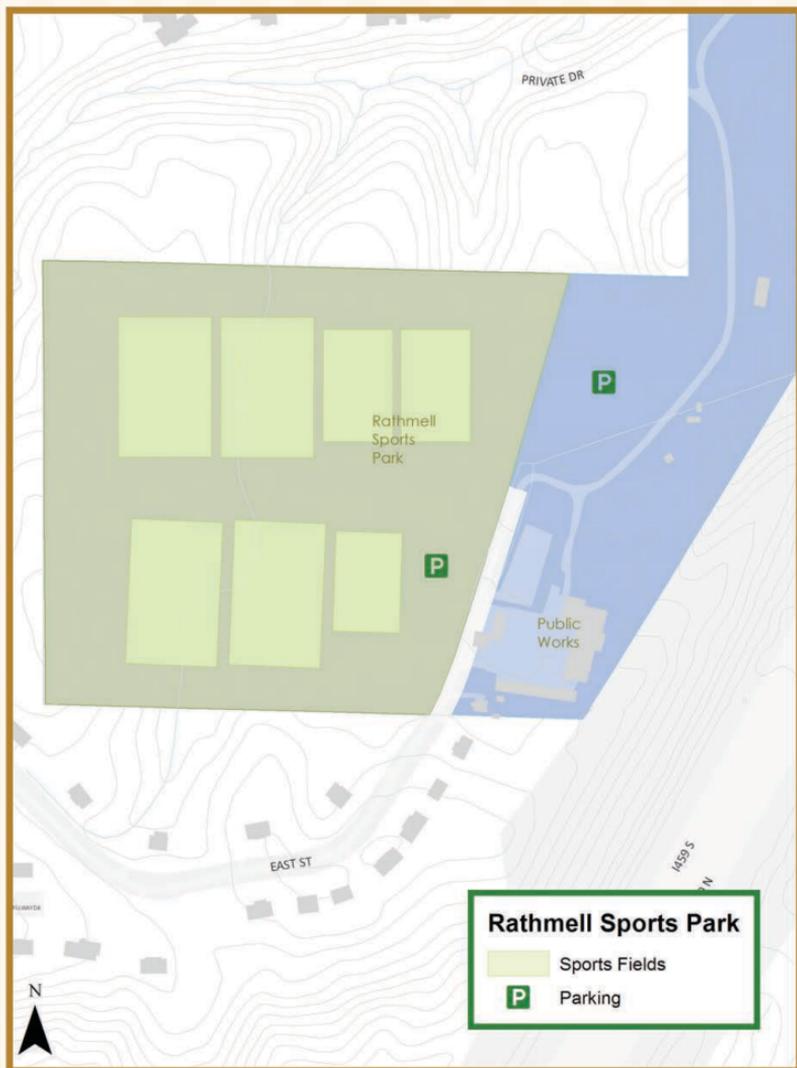






Mountain Brook Athletic Complex

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|  | Playground |  | Field Six (Park Baseball) |
|  | Restroom |  | Field Seven (Park/HS Softball) |
|  | Steps |  | High School Soccer |
|  | Parking |  | Lower Large Soccer (Park) |
|  | Sports Fields |  | Lower Middle Soccer (Park) |
|  | Field One (Park Baseball) |  | Lower Small Soccer (Park) |
|  | Field Two (High School Baseball) |  | High School Football Practice Field |
|  | Field Three (Park Baseball) |  | High School Football Field & Track |
|  | Field Four (Park Baseball) |  | Tennis Courts |
|  | Field Five (Park Baseball-Softball) | | |



For more information about the Parks and Recreation Department or other services the city offers, visit our website at www.mtnbrook.org or scan the QR code:



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