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*What will you find in Bristol's Parks?*

- Tennis Courts
- Playgrounds
- Basketball Courts
- Splash Pads
- Disc Golf Courses
- Outdoor Pools
- Indoor Aquatics Center
- Skate Park
- Dog Parks
- Hiking Trails
- Mountain Bike Trails
- Volleyball Courts
- Athletic Fields
- Picnic Areas
- Fishing
- and More!

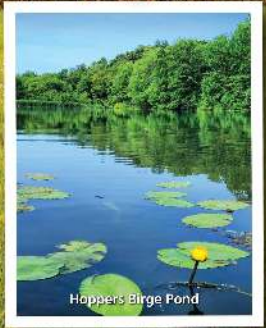
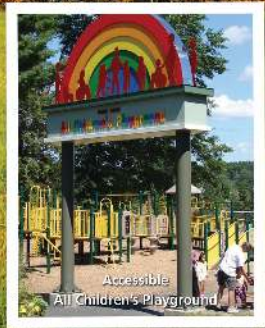
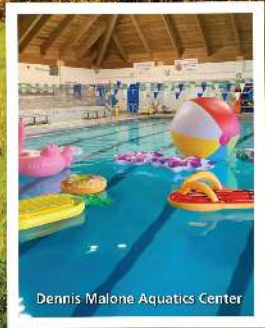
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## PAGE PARK

651 King Street  
Area: 86 Acres  
Opened: 1933



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It is the mission of the Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services to enhance the quality of life for all Bristol residents through the delivery of high quality services and equitable access to attractive, well maintained facilities that meet the diverse needs of the community.

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# History of Bristol's Parks

Since Albert and Nettie Rockwell first donated Rockwell Park to the City of Bristol in 1914, the City has acquired over seven hundred and thirty acres of land dedicated to active and passive recreation. During the first half of the twentieth century, a family feud between the Rockwells and the Page family led to the donation of Rockwell and Page Park, as well as Memorial Boulevard - thirty percent of our total acreage - as they tried to out donate each other.

Between the period of 1954 and 1975, part-time Parks Superintendent Joseph "Sarge" Riley acquired Birge Pond and the Hoppers, our largest park, Seymour Park, and Stocks Playground. Upon Riley's retirement, the City created a full-time department of Parks and Recreation. The department's vision to be at the forefront of problem-solving to address challenges of the twenty-first century has led to the realignment of Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services under a single department, with a focus on inclusivity and stewardship.



*Our All Heart Parks!*

## ROCKWELL PARK

238 Jacobs Street  
Area: 105 Acres  
Opened: 1914



### Hoppers / Birge Pond

**Nature Preserve** (270 acres)  
Acquired in 1973 from Bristol Savings Bank.  
**Amenities:** Nature Preserve, non-motorized boating, hiking trails, glacial kettles & fishing.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** Beech Street

### Brackett Park

(2 acres)  
Purchased from Carlyle F. Barnes in 1917, later named for Dr. A. S. Brackett who was instrumental in securing the purchase.  
**Amenities:** Basketball court, regular playground, Goodsell toddler playground, gazebo rentals.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** Entrances on School & North Main St

### Casey Field / Stocks Playground

(9 acres) Transferred from the Sewer Dept in 1950, and later named for former Mayor James P. Casey.  
**Amenities:** Features a lighted softball field  
**Location:** Lake Avenue

### Dennis Malone Aquatics Center

Built in 1995 and named after Superintendent Dennis Malone. Our indoor aquatic facility operates year-round providing numerous swimming activities that the whole family can enjoy. Offers swim lessons, water exercise classes, open swim & splash swim teams. Annual member-

ship period runs from Sept 1-Aug 31 each year.  
**Amenities:** A 187,000 gallon indoor pool that is kept at 82-84 degrees year-round with air temp. 2-4 degrees warmer than the pool temp.  
**Hours:** M-F, 7am-9pm, Sat & Sun 1pm-6pm  
**Location:** 325 Mix Street

### Federal Hill Green

(2 acres)  
Federal Hill Green was placed under the control of the park board at its formation in 1913.  
**Amenities:** Community green area with lighted walkway, field, antique lighting and park benches donated by the Bristol Federal Hill Association, playground, park benches and gazebo rentals.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk **Location:** Federal Hill Green

### Kern Park

(22 acres)  
Acquired as part of the Ivy Drive School site.  
**Amenities:** Passive recreation area with nature trails connecting the school grounds to surrounding neighborhoods, wetlands and upland habitats.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** Located off Ivy Drive / Primrose Lane

### Muzzy Field

(8.5 acres)  
Given in 1912 by Commissioner Adrian Muzzy in memory of his two sons.  
**Amenities:** Lighted baseball, football and soccer stadium complex with a seating capacity for baseball: 4,900 and football/soccer: 5,800.  
**Location:** Muzzy Street

### Nelson's Field

(50 acres)  
Acquired in 1988 under the Recreation & National Heritage Trust Program and the State of CT D.E.P.  
**Amenities:** Parking, passive recreation area, sledding hill, and bird watching.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** Corner of Burlington Ave and Maple Ave

### Page Park

(86 acres)  
Given by DeWitt and May Rockwell Page in 1933.  
**Amenities:** Inclusive playground, splash pad (open seasonally from 11am-6pm), disc golf course, Page Park lagoon, five lighted tennis courts, hardball diamond, lighted softball field, Ski Lodge, Page Park Pavilion, picnic areas and Ingraham Field. Upper playground shelter is available to rent.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** King Street, Moody Street, Page Ave

### Peck Park

(8 acres)  
Land for the park was transferred from the Board of Ed to the city in 1976.  
**Amenities:** Four tennis courts, regular and toddler playground equipment.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk **Location:** Entrance off Daley St

### Pine Lake

(54 acres)  
Acquired May 27, 1968 by the city then given to the Park Commission in 1982.  
**Amenities:** Fishing pond, accessible fishing pier,

parking lot and ropes adventure park.  
**Location:** Pine St, Birch St, and Emmett St

### Rockwell Park

(105 acres)  
Given by Albert and Nettie Rockwell in 1911.  
**Amenities:** Amphitheatre, lagoon, fishing pond, outdoor swimming pool, basketball court, off-leash dog park (small and large dog areas), hiking trails, 18 hole disc golf course, para-fitness course, lighted sand volleyball courts, picnic areas, playground, skate park, splash pad, toddler playground mountain bike trails, Stone/Summer House, Mrs. Rockwell's Recreation Center, open field, Stone/Summer House, T-Shelter, Back Playground Shelter & Gazebo are available to rent.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Entrances:** On Jacob St, Dutton Ave, and Steel St

### Roberts Property

(17 acres)  
Acquired by City Council on Aug 10, 2004.  
**Amenities:** Off-leash dog park & walking trail  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk **Location:** Perkins Street

### Seymour Park

(5 acres)  
Acquired through the estate of George Dudley Seymour in 1971.  
**Amenities:** Hardball diamond (Riley Field), basketball court, two modified pickleball courts, picnic area, and regular playground  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk  
**Location:** Shrub Road

### Veterans Memorial Boulevard

(25 acres) Given in 1921 by Albert Rockwell.  
**Amenities:** Passive recreation parallel to the Pequabuck River with benches, two fishing ponds, memorial monuments, multi-use athletic field & walking path with mile markers.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk **Location:** Memorial Boulevard

### Wilson Field

(2 acres)  
Given by Bristol Brass company in honor of Albert Wilson in 1950.  
**Amenities:** Regular playground, youth softball field, and a basketball court.  
**Hours:** Dawn to dusk **Location:** King Street

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