



Rockford Dam Overlook

Beautifully renovated, the Rockford Dam is one of the highlights of Rockford and provides a spectacular view of the Rogue River. Ideal for picnicking and watching the fishermen, this park is truly the gem of downtown Rockford. This park also offers direct access to the river with a canoe landing and is located on Bridge St.

Garden Club Park

This open space park provides wonderful opportunities for picnicking and strolling along the banks of the beautiful Rogue River. The ideal spot for relaxing in the heart of downtown Rockford, it also provides direct access to the White Pine Trail State Park for bicycling, walking, etc. It is located just northeast of the dam on the Rogue River.

Park Rules (Summary)

1. **Park Hours**—City parks are open to the public between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
2. **Hunting and trapping of any animal in a City park is NOT permitted.**
3. **All boating must comply with rules and regulations pertaining to use of boats in inland rivers or lakes.**
4. **No fires shall be built except in grills provided for that purpose.**
5. **Dogs must be on a leash 10 ft. Long or less at all times in any City park. No person shall permit any domestic animal to run at large. Animal droppings must be collected and removed.**
6. **Use of sound amplification in the parks without a permit from the Parks Director shall not disturb the quiet enjoyment of the park by other users.**
7. **No overnight use of the parks is allowed without special permission from the Parks Director.**
8. **No person shall ride or drive in any public park or playground except on proper roadways and shall not drive at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour.**
9. **Alcohol shall not be consumed in any City park without permission from Parks Director or Police Chief.**
10. **Persons using the parks shall refrain from using profanity and/or offensive language.**

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Neighborhood Parks

Rotary Park

This quaint neighborhood park was completely renovated in 1999. It has a fun new play structure with climbing dinosaurs and swings. This park also includes a full basketball court, open field for play, paved parking lot and picnic tables with a drinking fountain. Rotary Park is located at 127 S. Fremont St..

Pickett Park

Pickett Park is the City's most recent addition to our neighborhood park system. This park has a fitness challenge climbing structure, swings, ATV and jeep riding toys and the popular WUM climber! The park has picnic tables, benches, bike racks, drinking fountain and parking lot. Pickett Park provides direct access to the White Pine Trail State Park. Located just across the pedestrian bridge spanning the Rogue River is Richardson Sowerby Park. Pickett Park is located at 120 Gaylord Dr.

White Pine Trail State Park

The trail provides a direct link from Grand Rapids with access to Old Kent Park and runs thru Rockford along the scenic Rogue River and provides wonderful opportunities for walking, bicycling, rollerblading, etc.

Richardson Sowerby Park

This park truly is one of Rockford's great finds! It is located on both the east and west banks of the Rogue River. The east bank has a covered pavilion for picnicking, BBQ grills a new playground with the famous dinosaur slide, great fishing opportunities and public restrooms. Across the pedestrian bridge on the west bank this park host a fitness course and softball field. This park is easily accessible from the White Pine State Trail or off Main St. behind the Rogue Valley Towers.

Rockford Memorial Park

This park saw the addition of the new Rum Creek Nature/Fitness Trail in the Spring of 2002. The trail provides access to Rum Creek and travels along its banks from Monroe St. to Northland Dr. Rum Creek is a pristine, cold water trout stream. The trail provides a wonderful opportunity to view incredible wetlands and a beautiful creek right in the heart of the City. In addition to the new nature trail, the park is home to the very popular Community Cabin, which has a lawn area for picnicking and sporting activities and provides direct access to one of the finest wooden structures in the area, Pachyderm Park. It is located at 220 N. Monroe St.



Community Cabin



Located next to Rum Creek in Memorial Park, The Rockford Community Cabin accommodates community and private affairs. Built in 1937, the renovated cabin offers a kitchen, restrooms, and a capacity for 100 persons. This barrier free site is the perfect setting for small receptions, family reunions and small company picnics. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance by calling Rockford City Hall at 866-1537. The cabin is located at 220 N. Monroe St.

Peppler Memorial Park

At one-half acre, this park located just west of the Rockford Dam and is home to the Rockford Area Community Endowment recognition plaza. Wonderful access to the Rogue River which is touted as one of the finest steelhead rivers in the state.

Rogue River Nature Trail

Presently the Rogue River Nature Trail, a rustic trail along the banks of the Rogue River, begins in Peppler Park on the west bank of the river at the Rockford Dam. This rustic trail runs along the banks of the Rogue. In all, the park encompasses 4.5 acres. Improvements to this trail are anticipated within the next few years.

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