

The following parks descriptions are provided to help you decide which park (or parks) you would like to apply to program. Please reach out to the associated park friends groups or community organizations associated with the park (or parks) you are applying for to discuss your projects and potential partnerships before you start to write your grant. Community partnership is essential to a successful Animating Toronto Parks project.

***As the list of available parks is subject to change, an alternate park may be assigned for your project.**

Resources

[Park People park friends groups map.](#)

[City of Toronto ward profiles.](#)

[MABELLEarts Placing Parks Toolkit](#) (how to foster community engagement, artmaking and cultural activity in your local park).

[Toronto Arts Foundation Arts in the Parks Toolkit](#) (a guide to help navigate the logistical, financial, and artistic considerations involved in producing arts events in parks).

Local Arts Service Organizations (LASO):

Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) support the City of Toronto's Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy in underserved geographic areas as well as the 2018-2022 Economic Development and Culture Divisional Strategy of inclusion and equity in geographic areas outside the core. They provide inclusive and affordable opportunities for local residents, artists, and arts organizations, with a focus on underserved children, youth, and participants from a broad demographic spectrum. LASOs are a great place to start when designing your outreach plan. They may be open to partnership. There are six LASOs receiving municipal funding:

Arts Etobicoke: artsetobicoke.com

Urban Arts: urbanartstoronto.org

Lakeshore Arts: lakeshorearts.ca

North York Arts: northyorkarts.org

East End Arts: eastendarts.ca

Scarborough Arts: scarborougharts.com

Neighbourhood Arts Network: neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org

Please Note:

Washrooms: Some parks have washrooms and some do not. Washrooms are not only nice to have, but are a requirement for many reasons, including accessibility. **Washrooms should be included in the "production/technical fees" section of the grant.** Grant amounts reflect the costs of washroom rentals. Where portable washrooms are required, they must be AODA compliant.

Accessibility: TAC has endeavored to provide as much descriptive detail as possible in the following parks descriptions for accessibility purposes. City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation is in the process of bringing older parks up to AODA compliance, but there is no current information available about park accessibility. We are aware of the limitations of these descriptions and invite feedback. Please contact the Program Manager if more information is required.

PARKS DESCRIPTIONS:

Alexmuir Park

A 2.6 hectare park near Brimley Road and McNicoll Avenue featuring two multipurpose sports fields and a children's playground. This tree-lined neighbourhood park is situated in a low-density residential area, adjacent to two public schools. Friends of Alexmuir Park/Rosewood Taxpayers Association host annual clean-ups in the neighbourhood. *Please note:* no set up on sports field. No events during sports bookings (i.e.: limited weekday availability).

205 Alexmuir Blvd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 23, Scarborough-North

Near: Alexmuir Blvd & Homedale Dr

Friends/community group(s): Rosewood Taxpayers' Association/Friends of Alexmuir Park.

Amenities: none, portable washrooms are required, street parking only

Accessibility: this park features a wide paved pathway through and around the park. There are curb cuts at all three path entrances from the street.

Amos Waites Park

Amos Waites Park is a 1.4-hectare waterfront park on Lake Shore Boulevard at Mimico Avenue in Etobicoke featuring Mimico Square, two children's playgrounds, a splash pad, and an outdoor pool. With its boardwalks, paths and beaches, Amos Waites Park features a scenic view of the lake. Mimico Square is a lively community event space designed for mid-sized performances, markets, and festivals. The Lakeshore Village BIA programs annual events and is an enthusiastic Arts in the Parks partner. *Please note:* programming will not be possible on the bike path or shoreline. Mimico Square is the designated event area for this park.

2441 Lake Shore Blvd W

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Near: Lake Shore Blvd W & Mimico Ave

Friends/community group(s): Lakeshore Village BIA

Amenities: small neighbouring parking lot, municipal street parking is available, accessible washrooms

Accessibility: washrooms are accessible; the park features a paved path from the sidewalk to the washrooms, playground and bike trail, and there are curb cuts from the street into the park.

Bell Manor Park

This small neighbourhood park on Park Lawn Road near Berry Road features a splash pad and a children's playground and is nicknamed Banana Park. Bell Manor Park features a community garden managed by Stonegate Community Health Centre and mural art, funded by StreetART Toronto, and well as a pebble mosaic created by Red Dress Productions, in collaboration with the community. Stonegate provide much of the community programming in the park, and are an enthusiastic partner for Arts in the Parks.

1 Bayside Lane

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Near: Park Lawn Road & Berry Road

Friends/community group(s): Stonegate Community Health Centre

Amenities: playground, splashpad, washrooms available at nearby Park Lawn Park, Recreation provides one portable washroom during splash pad season, but more may be required for larger events, depending on the scale of the event/activity and the time of day

Accessibility: there are no washrooms immediately on site, so accessible portable washrooms should be rented for accessibility needs, the park is intersected and encircled by a paved path with curb cuts on both the west and east sides from the street, the west entrance of the park is graded a bit steeply, there is street parking available all around the park, the community garden is not accessible by paved path

Beverly Glen Park

Beverly Glen Park is a 2.6 hectare park located near Finch Ave East and Pharmacy Ave, adjacent to Beverly Glen Junior Public School. It is an inner suburban table land park with a small hill about three quarter ways into the park which could act as a seating area for performances. There is a grove of trees at the edge of the park, which creates a shaded area for park users. The east part of the green space belongs to the school and the west is the actual Beverly Glen Park which is permitted by PF&R. There is a playground at the south end of the park and a baseball diamond (there is also a ball diamond on the school property) which is well used by younger adults both during weekday evenings and weekends.

The Friends of Beverly Glen Park is a volunteer group that started in the Spring of 2017. It is made up of core community leaders, parents and youth. The Friends group takes care of the Beverly Glen Outdoor Greening Classroom over the summer when the school is closed. The outdoor classroom includes a native flower garden, food gardens and young native trees. The group also hosts events in the park all year round, including Earth Day clean-ups, pumpkin parades and Arts in the Parks events attracting between 100 and 500 people. They work closely with the artists to ensure successful events that reach the local community.

The neighbourhood includes a mix of single family homes, townhouses, high-rise apartments, condominiums and low-rise buildings. Bridlewood Mall is a short walking distance from the park. Beverly Glen neighbourhood is a diverse community with newcomers from China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Sri Lanka, and India. The predominant language spoken in the community is Mandarin. Friends of Beverly Glen Park has helped the artists in the past to translate their material to Mandarin and to ensure there is interpretation at all events. Friends of Beverly Glen Park would recommend events in this park be held on the weekend when most working families are available for outdoor activities in the afternoon or evening. *Please note:* portable washrooms are required. No amplified sound after 8pm. No set-up on sports fields.

2018 grant recipient was Little Pear Garden Dance Company

75 Beverly Glen Blvd.

District: Scarborough

Ward: 22, Scarborough-Agincourt

Near: Victoria Park Ave and Finch Ave E.

Friends/community groups(s): Friends of Beverly Glen Park and the Beverly Glen Public School Outdoor Classroom Committee

Amenities: none – portable washrooms are required

Accessibility: There is a paved walkway along the east side of the park from Heatherside Drive (South entrance) that ends at the TDSB parking lot, but no other path, there is a curb cut from the path to the TDSB parking lot, the main grassy area is flat and can be entered from the sidewalk on the north side of the park without a curb dividing grass from sidewalk, there are curb cuts from the road to the sidewalk. Street parking is available.

Bob Hunter Park

A 17.7 hectare park near Meadowvale Road and Highway 401 named after the late environmental champion and journalist. It features a ball diamond, a sports field and a splash pad. The Bob Hunter Community Garden is located in the park. The majority of this park is heavily forested but there is a lovely space near the Splash Pad that artists have presented in for the last two years. *Please note:* no set up on sports field. No events during sports field bookings. Portable washrooms are required. Limited availability, may need to be flexible with dates/times.

113 Grand River Blvd.

District: Scarborough

Ward: 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

Near: Meadowvale Rd & 401

Friends/community group(s): Bob Hunter Community Garden

Amenities: none, portable washrooms are required, street parking is available on Generation Blvd.

Accessibility: there is only one paved path in the park from the splash pad to Meadowvale Road, no washrooms and no shade, except for trees lining the perimeter of the park

Black Creek Community Farm

Black Creek Community Farm is an urban agriculture centre located in North York, situated on a unique 8-acre property that includes pristine farmland, a heritage farmhouse and barn and a surrounding forest that extends into Black Creek Ravine. Black Creek Community Farm engages, educates, and empowers diverse communities, through sustainable food, offering a range of community programming in collaboration with various program partners.

Over the last five years several pieces of key infrastructure have been installed at the farm, including a wash station, vegetable cooler, pavilion, wood-fired brick oven, chicken coop and fence, children's outdoor classroom, stone seating, kiwi trellises, four-season greenhouses, compost bins, irrigation lines, perimeter trail system, and bee yard.

These infrastructure projects have been complemented by the construction of numerous natural spaces including eight pollinator gardens, a community/collective garden, a children's spiral garden, raised bed senior's gardens, mint patch, raspberry patch, west end forest trail (planted primarily with edible/medicinal species), east end forest trail (planted with native species to restore biodiversity on Black Creek ravine), backyard garden, front yard garden in raised beds, greenhouse vegetable production, and field vegetable production,

These facilities and natural spaces support our children, seniors, and general programming, our capacity to grow food for sale to the community, and additional revenue generating activities such as hosting team building activities, retreats, tours, and events.

To discuss prospective applications or arrange for a site visit, please contact: Leticia Deawuo, Director, Black Creek Community Farm, leticiad@blackcreekfarm.ca at least two weeks in advance of the grant deadline.

Visit blackcreekfarm.ca for more information.

4929 Jane St.

District: North York

Ward: 7, Humber River-Black Creek

Near: Jane/Steeles (TTC: near Black Creek Pioneer Village subway)

Amenities: washroom, electricity access, water, parking?

Accessibility: partially accessible, limited accessible parking spots, parking lot is laid with coarse gravel, curb cuts from sidewalks, packed dirt paths around garden areas, two portable washrooms, one is accessible

Broadacres Park

Broadacres Park is a 5.7-hectare park near Burnhamthorpe Road and The West Mall featuring a ball diamond, a children's playground, a large open green space and a beautiful wooded area, planted by a local resident. The Applewood Shaver House is located in the park. *Please note:* No set up on sports field. Max capacity 500. Designated area: Area directly south of Applewood Estates. Live music and amplified sound require noise exemption permit.

450 The West Mall

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Burnhamthorpe & 427

Friends/community group(s): Applewood Shaver House

Amenities: no parking, no washrooms, Applewood Shaver House (washroom facilities may be made available during open hours, depending on the activity – washrooms are not accessible), close to Etobicoke Civic Centre (limited overflow and day parking and washrooms are available during open hours, but the Civic Centre is approximately 1K away).

Accessibility: there is no paved path in the park, accessible portable washrooms are required, street parking is possible with a permit, otherwise there is no parking on the park

Curran Hall Ravine Park

Curran Hall Ravine Park is a small linear park located in a residential area in the Curran Hall neighbourhood of Scarborough.

815 Scarborough Golf Club Rd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

Near: Lawrence Ave E and Markham Rd

Friends/community group(s):

Amenities: none, accessible portable toilets required

Accessibility: there is no paved path in the park

Dentonia Park

A 6.1 hectare park near Danforth Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue featuring a lit ball diamond, a multipurpose sports field, a cricket pitch, basketball courts, a splash pad and a children's playground. The Friends of Dentonia Park host events, such as movie nights. Dentonia offers an afternoon preschool program as well as a general summer camp. Please note: This park is appropriate for small, short-term events only. No set up on sports field. Designated area is on the west side of the park, west of the paved pathway. Max capacity is 50.

80 Thyra Ave

Near: Thyra Ave & Dentonia Park Ave

District: East York

Ward: 19, Beaches-East York

Amenities: Clubhouse (not available during the summer), washrooms, water fountain

Accessibility: close to Victoria Park subway, paved paths throughout the park, ramp to clubhouse and washrooms

Earl Bales Park

Earl Bales Park is a 51-hectare park and features the Barry Zuckerman, a 1200 seat outdoor amphitheatre. It is a destination park, the fourth largest park in the city, with an off-leash dog area, playgrounds, sensory garden, splash pad, a large outdoor, memorials, paved walking/cycling trails, picnic sites and fire pits. It also has the city's only ski hill. It is heavily used in the Summer for picnics and in the winter for skiing. The Friends of Earl Bales Park is an active community group who do a myriad of park programs. *Please note:* This park is best suited to larger festivals and performance events in the amphitheatre. Barry Zuckerman Amphitheatre is booked for annual programming through the summer, so permit dates may be limited. Animating Toronto Parks programming will have to work around existing programming. No staking in the park. Avoid programming on Saturdays for local community religious observation.

4169 Bathurst St

District: North York

Ward: 6, York Centre

Near: Bathurst St & Sheppard Ave W

Friends/community group(s): Friends of Earl Bales Park

Amenities: Large amphitheatre, washrooms, multiple parking lot, Earl Bales Community Centre (washroom facilities are available during open hours only), the Earl Bales Senior Centre, and the Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centre

Accessibility: Community Centre washrooms are accessible and one is gender neutral, there is one accessible stall in each of the amphitheatre washrooms, accessible parking is designated, there are paved paths to the amphitheatre, there is a ramp leading into the amphitheatre and on leading to the stage, there is no shade over the seating area or the stage.

Flagstaff Park

This 3.6 hectare park near Martin Grove Road and Rexdale Boulevard features a large area for recreation activities, three lit tennis courts, a children's playground and the Flagstaff Outdoor Pool. It is a quiet park in a low density residential area. Suitable for smaller more intimate activities.

Please note: limited amplification. Max capacity 100. Residents must be notified of events. This is a busy recreation park, so dates may be limited to availability. Limited amplification.

42 Mercury Rd

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 1, Etobicoke North

Near: Martin Grove Rd & Rexdale Blvd

Friends/Community Group(s): Friends of Queensplate Drive

Amenities: water fountain, small parking lot, additional street parking available, washrooms available during pool open hours only

Accessibility: accessibly portable washrooms may be required as pool washroom hours are very limited, paved paths across park are limited, no direct access from TTC, 2 designated accessible spots

Flemingdon Park

This 13.3 hectare park near Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East runs along the hydro corridor in Don Mills east to the Don Valley Parkway. The park features seven multipurpose sports fields, two ball diamonds, ball hockey and basketball courts, a community garden, a children's playground and a splash pad. Flemingdon Community Support Services is the local park friends group. FCSS does a lot of programming in the park and has hosted multiple Arts in the Parks programs.

Please note: This park is well suited for larger events, festivals and performances. Designated area near Don Mills. No set up on sports fields.

150 Grenoble Dr

District: North York

Ward: 16, Don Valley East

Near: Grenoble Dr & Spanbridge Rd

Friends/community group(s): Flemingdon Community Support Services - FCSS

Amenities: Parking lot, near Angela James Arena (washroom facilities during open hours, but portable washrooms may be required, depending on the activity)

Accessibility: The West section of the park has no paved paths, no washrooms, accessible portable washrooms will be required, accessible parking at the adjacent shopping centre

Fountainhead Park

A 4.4 hectare park at the intersection of Sentinel Road and Finch Avenue West that features three lit tennis courts, two bocce courts, a tennis clubhouse with washrooms and multipurpose sports field.

445 Sentinal Road

Near: Jane and Finch

District: North York

Ward: 7, Humber River-Black Creek

Friends/community group(s): Green Change

Amenities: parking lot, water fountain, washrooms

Accessibility: paved path around the park, designated accessible parking, accessible washrooms

Fred Johnson Park

This small community park features a lovely tree canopy and an active community garden, Scarborough Village Community Garden, on Kingston Road just south of Eglinton Avenue East. *Please note:* This park is best suited to smaller more intimate events and community-engaged activities. Small scale events only. No amplification or drumming. Dates will need to be coordinated with the Community Garden's activities. Designated area: North end of park outside the community garden area. Capacity: 50. Dates will need to be coordinated with the Community Garden's activities.

2018 grant recipient was Red Dress Productions

3630 Kingston Rd.

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

Near: Kingston Rd & Markham Rd

Friends/community group(s): Scarborough Village ANC, Scarborough Village Community Garden

Amenities: Scarborough Village Recreation Centre (washroom facilities during open hours only)

Accessibility: small paved path from Kingston Rd to the gazebo, no path through park, park is flat with some bumpy surfaces and a small incline to the north, no curb cuts on the north side, no bathrooms, lots of shade from mature tree canopy

Guild Park and Gardens

A scenic and historic park on 36 Hectares of parkland on the Scarborough Bluffs. Rich with cultural and natural heritage features, Guild Park and Gardens has recently received a significant revitalization and is subject to a new management plan to preserve its natural and cultural heritage resources, enhance recreation trails and connectivity and revitalize its cultural landscape structure, including a sculpture garden and amphitheatre. The park is owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and managed by the City of Toronto, Parks, Forestry and Recreation. *Please note:* Availability is very limited. Events Mon-Thursday only – no weekend events. Limited amplified sound and vehicle access for drop offs and deliveries.

201 Guildwood Parkway

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

Near: Kingston Rd & Galloway Rd.

Friends/community group: Friends of Guild Park & Gardens (guildpark.ca), Guildwood Village Community Association, Guild Renaissance Group, Guild Festival Theatre

Amenities: Guild Inn Estate, Bickford Bistro, recreation trails, conservatory/greenhouse, 2 large parking lots, fieldhouse, washrooms

Accessibility: two large parking lots, accessible parking is designated

Lee Lifeson Art Park

Lee Lifeson Art Park honours two of Canada's more internationally acclaimed musicians as founding members of the band Rush, Geddy Lee and Alex Lifeson. The heart of this music-themed park is a small outdoor bandshell designed for performances. *Please note:* Designated area is the bandshell. Max capacity 200. Limited sound amplification (amplified drumming and low level bass not permitted).

The 2018 grant recipient was Shotgun Juliet

223 Gladys Allison Place

District: North York

Ward: 18, Willowdale

Near: Princess and Hillcrest Avenues at Gladys Allison Place

Amenities: outdoor stage and amphitheatre, washrooms

Accessibility: paved path through park, accessible washrooms with automatic doors

Maidavale Park

A 1.5 hectare park on Birchmount Road north of Eglinton Avenue East that features a ball diamond and children's playground. Massey Creek flows along the southern park border. Adjacent to the park is a TCHC building with an active residents group, the Birchmount Community Action Council. They built a community garden, hosted a TIFF movie, run an after-school program and have taken on many activities to engage their residents. *Please note:* designated area is the large open area. No amplification. Max capacity 200.

1031 Birchmount Rd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 21, Scarborough Centre

Near: Birchmount Road & Eglinton Avenue East

Friends/community group(s): Birchmount Community Action Council

Amenities: None - portable washrooms are required.

Accessibility: Paved path along the south side of the park, no washrooms, accessible street parking available

Memorial Park (Etobicoke York)

A small park on the east bank of the Humber River near Lawrence Avenue West and Weston Road that features a bike trail and a bandshell under a mature tree canopy. *Please note:* This park is best suited to performances and concerts. Max capacity 300. No vehicle access, no parking.

22 Little Ave

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 5, York-South Weston

Near: Little Ave & Lawrence Ave W

Friends/community group(s): n/a

Amenities: Bandshell with electrical access, small parking lot on south side

Accessibility: parking lot is accessible via sidewalk, but there is a steep hill from the parking lot to the park, 2 accessible entrances from Little Ave, but no paved pathways into park, uneven grassy surface, no ramp to bandshell stage entrance

Neilson Park (Etobicoke)

This 6.6 hectare park near Dundas Street West and Highway 427 features a ball diamond and children's playground. The park follows the Etobicoke Creek ravine north to Bloor Street with a trail that crosses the creek. The south east corner of the park is home to the Neilson Park Creative Centre.

Address: 56 Neilson Drive

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 2, Etobicoke-Centre

Near: Neilson Dr. & Jeff Dr.

Friends/community group(s): Neilson Park Creative Centre, Friends of Centennial Park (Our Place Initiative).

Amenities: Parking, several amenities located at Neilson Park Creative Centre (rentals/partnerships are subject to negotiation with Neilson Park Creative Centre).

Amenities: washrooms, picnic sites, limited parking, Neilson House

Accessibility: Paved path across the park but not to designated area, accessible washrooms in Neilson Park Creative Centre

Neilson Park (Scarborough)

This 9.6-hectare park on Neilson Road just south of Finch Avenue East in Scarborough's Malvern neighbourhood features three very active baseball diamonds (two with lights for evening games), a gazebo and picnic area, a splash pad, a children's playground, an historic site and a fieldhouse, featuring an unused canteen. Please note: designated programming areas are the canteen and picnic sites (subject to availability). No programming on sports fields. Please design programming for canteen area during sports games. Picnic sites may be available during other times. No food preparation in canteen and members of the public will be permitted behind the canteen counter.

1555 Neilson Rd, Scarborough

District: Scarborough

Ward: 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

Near: Neilson Rd & Crow Trail

Friends/community group(s): Malvern Family Resource Centre

Amenities: fieldhouse with washrooms and canteen, historic sites, playground, very limited parking, limited street parking

Accessibility: paved paths throughout the park, accessible washrooms during open hours, canteen space is limited accessibility

Panorama Park

Panorama Park is a 1.4 hectare park near Kipling Avenue and Finch Avenue West that features a children's playground and an open green space as well as the Panorama Community Garden. The garden committee is very active in animating the park with garden and food-related activities. They have also helped form the Rexdale Community Garden Network which includes schools and libraries. They host annual Clean Toronto Together clean ups, extremely successful annual Foodie Fests in May with over 1000 attendees, a children's gardening Summer camp and they were one of the sites for TIFF in Your Park in 2015. The park is in a Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA). *Please note:* max capacity is 150.

31 Panorama Court

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 1, Etobicoke North

Near: Finch Ave W and Kipling Ave

Friends/community group(s): Panorama Community Garden Group and the Rexdale Women's Centre

Amenities: Rexdale Community Hub (washroom facilities during open hours only), limited street parking

Accessibility: limited accessibility, no paved pathways in the park, no washrooms, accessible washrooms available at the Rexdale Hub, but only during open hours, limited street parking

Parkway Forest Park

A 5.2 hectare park near Don Mills Road and Sheppard Avenue East that features three lit outdoor tennis courts, a ball diamond, a multipurpose sports field, a basketball court, a ball hockey pad, and two children's playgrounds located at the North and South ends of the park. The new Parkway Forest Community Centre is located adjacent to the park. The neighbourhood has had a lot of highrise development in the last few years. The Friends of Parkway Forest is the local community park group that has worked with artists in the Arts in the Parks program for the last three years. They work very closely with the partners in the neighbourhood and in particular with LINC, the local language school. In 2018, they received funding from the Greenbelt Foundation to run a Native Plant Guru workshop to work with newcomers. *Please note:* designated area is the south west corner of the park, south of the school parking lot. No set up on sports field. Max capacity 500.

80 Parkway Forest Dr

District: North York

Ward: 17, Don Valley North

Near: Parkway Forest Dr & Forest Manor Rd

Friends/community group(s): Friends of Parkway Forest Park

Amenities: Parkway Forest Community Centre (washroom facilities during open hours only)

Accessibility: no paved pathways through the park, accessible washrooms in community centre during open hours

Parma Park

This 1.7 hectare park on Victoria Park, south of Eglinton Avenue East features a ball diamond, basketball court, a gazebo, a splash pad and a children's playground. The park is adjacent to the Parma Park community and the O'Connor Community Centre. The neighbourhood is a Neighbourhood Improvement Area. *Please note:* No set up on sports fields. Projects must be created in close collaboration with community.

99 Parma Court

District: East York

Ward: 19, Beaches - East York

Near: Victoria Park & Eglinton Avenue

Friends/community group: Parma Park Residents Association and Toronto Community Housing

Amenities: Parking, washrooms available at O'Connor Community Centre during open hours only

Accessibility: there is a paved pathway through the park, accessible washrooms in the community centre, limited designated accessible parking

Prairie Drive Park

This 1.3-hectare park features a playground, wading pool and a tennis court area surrounded by mature trees, sloping hills and open green space. It is home to the Prairie Drive Park Community Gardens, which are located to the north of the roadway that leads into the park. One of the gardens is managed by Access Alliance and the other by the South Asian Women's Rights Organization (SAWRO). Prairie Drive Park is located in a densely populated area with lots of families. Shwasti, is the local community park group that has run a lot of programs in Prairie Drive Park as well as other parks in Taylor Massey. They have been involved with Arts in the Parks for the last three years and have hosted many artists. Capacity 500

70 Prairie Drive

District: Scarborough

Ward: 20, Scarborough Southwest

Near: Pharmacy Ave & Danforth Ave (close to Victoria Park subway station)

Friends/community group(s): Shwasti, Access Alliance

Amenities: Close to Victoria Park subway, washroom facilities, water bottle filling station, wading pool, playground, fieldhouse with canteen window, parking lot.

Accessibility: Victoria Park subway station is fully accessible, the path from the subway into the park is fully barrier-free, there is an incline at the park entrance, there is a newly paved path through the park, washrooms are accessible

Raymore Park

Raymore Park is located in the Weston neighbourhood of Etobicoke. It is located along the Humber River Recreational Trail. The park is close to Weston Lions Arena and an outdoor pool. It is a small park located on the banks of the Humber River.

95 Raymore Drive, Etobicoke

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Scarlet Rd and Lawrence Ave West

Amenities: parking lot, accessible portable toilets required

Accessibility: there is no paved path into the main park area, but the park is located on the Humber River Recreational Trail, which is paved

Rowntree Mills Park

This 92-hectare park along the banks of the Humber River is a beautiful natural oasis in north west Toronto between Finch Ave. W. and Steeles Ave. W. and between Islington and Kipling Avenues. It was named Rowntree Mills Park in 1969 in honour of Joseph Rowntree. Joseph Rowntree was a pioneer in north Etobicoke village of Thistletown and established two mills on the banks of the Humber River. The local social service agencies have held nature walks, movies and this year a seniors walking program. *Please note:* designated area is picnic areas 1 & 2. Park closes at 6pm. No activities after 6pm will be permitted. Capacity 350

155 Rowntree Mill Rd

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 7, Humber River-Black Creek

Near: Finch Ave West & Steeles Ave West

Friends/community group(s): Delta Family Resource Centre, Rexdale Women's Centre, Various seniors walking groups

Amenities: Recreation trail, water fountain, fieldhouse, parking lot, picnic site, pond, washroom facilities

Accessibility: paved recreation trails, limited paths to picnic sites, accessible washrooms, accessible designated parking, but not very close to designated site

Rustic Park

A small neighbourhood park close to Black Creek, an important natural heritage feature and a tributary of the Humber River. The Rustic neighbourhood has been designated as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area (NIA) by the City. The park is surrounded by homes and three large Toronto Community Housing buildings. The Falstaff Community Centre is located next to the buildings. The Friends of Rustic Park host a variety of programs in the park. *Please note:* no electrical access.

2018 grant recipient was Phil Koole

35 Raven Rd

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 5, South Weston

Near: Jane St & 400/401

Friends/community group(s): Friends of Rustic Park

Amenities: none - portable washrooms are required

Accessibility: TTC accessible, accessible washrooms are required, street parking only

South Humber Park

South Humber Park is a linear park in Etobicoke located along the Humber River Recreation Trail (also known as the Carrying Place, the Humber Portage or the Toronto Passage). South Humber Park features The Oculus, a park pavilion resembling a concrete spaceship build in 1959. Abandoned for decades, the Oculus had fallen into disrepair until recently, when the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and Giaimo Architects received a Park People Public Space Incubator grant to revitalize the pavilion. Please note: any proposed projects would need to be designed in consultation with the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

120 The Queensway

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 3, Etobicoke-Lakeshore

Near: The Queensway and High Street

Amenities: The Oculus

Friends/community group(s): Architectural Conservancy of Ontario

Accessibility: paved paths, accessible washrooms required

Summerlea Park

Summerlea Park is located in Rexdale, North Etobicoke near Albion Rd and Islington just north of the 401. This large 23 hectare park runs along on the Humber River West Branch as it joins the Humber River. It is part of the West Humber Recreational Trail. In addition to the many trails and naturalized river valley, the park features a ball diamond, three multipurpose fields, a cricket pitch, two basketball courts, two tennis courts, a wading pool and a children's playground. Summerlea is a well known local fishing spot.

2 Arcot Blvd, Etobicoke

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 1, Etobicoke North

Near: Albion Rd and Islington

Amenities: parking, washrooms

Accessibility: paved paths

Walter Saunders Park (York Beltline)

The York Beltline is a 9km linear park and recreation trail. Walter Saunders Park is part of the Beltline and features outdoor basketball and bocce courts, a playground and a splash pad. The Friends of the Beltline have hosted tree plantings and clean ups in the Beltline. *Please note:* portable washrooms are required. Limited amplified sound. Capacity 200.

440 Hopewell Ave

District: North York

Ward: 8 Eglinton-Lawrence

Near: Hopewell Ave & Times Rd

Friends/community group: Friends of York Beltline

Amenities: none, portable washrooms are required

Accessibility: multiple paved paths, accessible washrooms are required, street parking only

Wincott Park

Wincott Park is divided in half by Poynter Drive. This park is located in the middle of the neighbourhood near Westway Junior School. North of Poynter Drive there is a newly refurbished children's playground and two lit outdoor bocce courts. At the south end of the park there is a swing set, a pair of slides and a climbing structure. There are open green areas along the path as with naturalized areas for wildlife throughout the park. The Humber Creek Trail is a paved path that runs through the park from Moline Drive in the south to Dixon Road in the north. Near the north end of the park the trail passes by a pond with a small seating area on the south shore. *Please note:* no amplified sound. Portable washrooms are required.

86 Northcrest Rd

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Islington Ave & Dixon Rd

Friends/community group: n/a

Amenities: Recreation trail, drinking fountain, portable washrooms are required

Accessibility: paved paths throughout the park, street parking only, accessible portable washrooms are required

Further Information

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