

ANIMATING TORONTO PARKS

2023 Parks List & Descriptions

The following parks descriptions are provided to help you decide which park (or parks) you would like to apply to program. Please consider reaching 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 proposal. Community partnership is essential to a successful Animating Toronto Parks project.

As the list of available parks is subject to change, an alternative 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 (LASOs)

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 downtown 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. **Portable washrooms rental should be included in the "production/technical fees" section of the grant.** Grant amounts cover the costs of washroom rentals. As a reference, in 2022, it was possible to rent a portable washroom for \$235 per washroom per day, including

tax. It is up to an applicant to obtain up-to-date quotes for budgeting purpose. 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 map: [here](#)

This map is for reference only, it is not meant to show designated event areas.

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 (limited weekday availability).

205 Alexmuir Blvd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 23, Scarborough North

Near: Alexmuir Blvd & Homedale Dr

Friends/community groups: Rosewood Taxpayers Association/Friends of Alexmuir Park

Amenities: none, portable washrooms 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, children's playground, 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 groups: Lakeshore Village BIA, Lakeshore Arts

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, as 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, they 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: 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; 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 a 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.

75 Beverly Glen Blvd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 22, Scarborough–Agincourt

Near: Victoria Park Ave and Finch Ave E.

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

Amenities: none, portable washrooms 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.

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 few years several pieces of key infrastructure have been installed at the farm, including a wash station, vegetable cooler, pavilion, wood-fired brick oven, wiigwam, chicken coop and fence, children's outdoor classroom, stone seating, 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, medicine wheel garden, 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's, youth, 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: **Anna Mancuso, Programs Manager, Black Creek Community Farm, annam@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.

35 Crendon Dr

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Burnhamthorpe & 427

Friends/community group: 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 1 km away)

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

Cedar Brook Park

This 18.6-hectare park near Markham Road and Lawrence Avenue East features many trails, a picnic area and a children's playground set in the naturalized ravine of West Highland Creek. *Please note*: events may use general parkland, away from the gazebo/playground area. Infrequent maintenance.

91 Eastpark Blvd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24 Scarborough–Guildwood

Near: Markham Road and Lawrence Avenue East

Friends/community group: TBC

Amenities: community centre, parking, accessible bathrooms during community centre open hours only

Accessibility: the bus stop is located 350 meters from the northern entrance to the park, down the paved sidewalk; paved paths 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 the picnic area. Max capacity is 50.

80 Thyra Ave

Near: Thyra Ave & Dentonia Park Ave

District: East York

Ward: 19, Beaches–East York

Friends/community group: Shwasti

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 large 51-hectare park. It is a destination park, the fourth largest park in the city, with a large outdoor amphitheatre, an off-leash dog area, playgrounds, sensory garden, splash pad, memorials, paved walking/cycling trails, picnic sites and fire pits. It also has one of the two city's ski hills. 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. No staking in the park. Avoid programming on Saturdays for local community religious observation.

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Site is situated near the entrance to Earl Bales Park at 4169 Bathurst Street. After World War Two, thousands of Holocaust survivors rebuilt their lives in the neighborhoods next to the park. The Memorial contains almost 5,000 names of victims and survivors of the Holocaust, the most extensive listing of any memorial site in Canada.

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: washrooms, multiple parking lots, 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, accessible parking is designated.

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. Maximum capacity 100. Residents must be notified of events. This is a busy recreation park, so dates may be limited to availability.

42 Mercury Rd

District: Etobicoke York

Ward: 1, Etobicoke North

Near: Martin Grove Rd & Rexdale Blvd

Friends/community group: Friends of Queensplate Drive

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

Accessibility: accessible 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.

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 Sentinel Rd

Near: Jane and Finch

District: North York

Ward: 7, Humber River-Black Creek

Friends/community group: Friends of Fountainhead Park

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 that work in collaboration with the Community Garden. 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.

3630 Kingston Rd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24, Scarborough–Guildwood

Near: Kingston Rd & Markham Rd

Friends/community groups: 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 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 Monday to 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, accessible portable washrooms near the park entrance.

Leaside Park

This 3.4-hectare park near Millwood Road and Overlea Boulevard features a lit ball diamond, six lit tennis courts, a multipurpose sports field and a children's playground. The park is also home to the Leaside Outdoor Pool. The park features a great view of Toronto downtown. *Note:* there is not much shade in this park.

5 Leaside Park Drive

District: North York

Ward: 15, Don Valley West

Near: Millwood Rd & Overlea Blvd

Friends/community group: TBC

Amenities: parking lot, playground, tennis courts, no washrooms

Accessibility: accessible portable washrooms required.

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).

223 Gladys Allison Place

District: North York

Ward: 18, Willowdale

Near: Princess and Hillcrest Avenues at Gladys Allison Place

Friends/community group: Willowdale Central Ratepayers Association

Amenities: outdoor stage and amphitheatre, washrooms

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

Maidavale Park

A small 1.5-hectare park on Birchmount Road north of Eglinton Avenue East 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: Birchmount Community Action Council

Amenities: none, portable washrooms required

Accessibility: paved path along the south side of the park, accessible portable washrooms required, 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 for 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: Scarlettwood Warriors for Change

Amenities: bandshell with electrical access, small parking lot on south side, portable washrooms required

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.

Milliken Park

Milliken is a 32-hectare park near the northern edge of Scarborough located east of McCowan Road, with its main entrance on the south side of Steeles Avenue East. Milliken Park features a pond, picnic sites and a community recreation centre. *Please note:* this park is heavily permitted for picnics on weekends. Booking subject to availability.

5555 Steeles Ave East

District: Scarborough

Ward: 23, Scarborough North

Near: McCowan Rd & Steeles Ave East

Friends/community group: N/A

Amenities: bike trail, children's garden, water fountain, parking, picnic shelter, playground, pond, splash pad, washrooms, Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre

Accessibility: accessible washrooms.

Morningside Park

Morningside Park is a large regional park spanning 241.46 hectares, with significant urban wildlife, wilderness and valley lands. It features hiking and cycling trails that connect to local communities and to the Waterfront trail. It also features a fire pit, a fieldhouse, picnic facilities, a playground, a splash pad, washrooms, water fountain and parking. Park People in partnership with the TRCA host the Annual Salmon Run in the Highland Creek, which attracts over 500 people. Morningside Park is a destination park and many organizations including the East Scarborough Storefront use it for outdoor activities. *Please note:* this park is heavily permitted for picnics on weekends. Booking subject to availability.

390 Morningside Ave

District: Scarborough

Ward: 24, Scarborough–Guildwood

Near: Morningside Ave & Ellesmere Rd

Friends group: TBC

Amenities: washrooms, fieldhouse, parking lot, drinking fountain

Accessibility: accessible washrooms near the parking lot.

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.

56 Neilson Dr

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Neilson Dr & Jeff Dr

Friends/community groups: 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), washrooms, picnic sites

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

District: Scarborough

Ward: 25, Scarborough–Rouge Park

Near: Neilson Rd & Crow Trail

Friends/community group: 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 has 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, very 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 groups: 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 high-rise 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 few 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: 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 groups: TBC

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

Accessibility: 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 four years and have hosted many artists. Max capacity 500. *Please note:* subway line runs along the south edge of the park and is above the ground, please take the noise levels into account when planning.

70 Prairie Drive

District: Scarborough

Ward: 20, Scarborough Southwest

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

Friends/community groups: 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 Dr

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 2, Etobicoke Centre

Near: Scarlet Rd and Lawrence Ave West

Friends/community groups: Scarlettwood Warriors for Change

Amenities: parking lot, no washrooms, accessible portable washrooms 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 northwest Toronto between Finch Ave West and Steeles Ave West and between Islington and Kipling Avenues. It was named Rowntree Mills Park in 1969 in honour of Joseph Rowntree. Joseph Rowntree was a settler 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 seniors walking programs. *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 groups: 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. *Please note:* no electrical access.

35 Raven Rd

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 5, South Weston

Near: Jane St & 400/401

Friends/community group: Falstaff–Rustic Network

Amenities: none, portable washrooms required

Accessibility: TTC accessible, accessible portable washrooms required, street parking only.

R.V. Burgess Park

This 1.5-hectare park near Don Mills Road and Overlea Boulevard features a basketball court, a community garden, a splash pad and a children's playground. *Please note:* this is a busy park, special event permits are subject to scheduling; any projects must engage with Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee.

46 Thorncliffe Park Dr

District: Scarborough

Ward: 15, Don Valley West

Near: Thorncliffe Park Dr & Grandstand Pl

Friends/community group: Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee, tpwomenscomm.org

Amenities: playground, splash pad, community garden, tandoor oven, Thorncliffe Public Library

Accessibility: accessible portable washrooms required.

Shawn Blu Rose Park

A small and quiet 2-hectare park near Morningside Avenue and McLevin Avenue that features a baseball diamond, a picnic area, a children's playground, and a splash pad. Formerly known as "Empringham Park", this park was renamed in 2006 to honour Shawn "Blu" Rose, a local youth worker who was beloved by the Malvern community and who passed away untimely in 2005. This was the first City park in Toronto named after a Black local community member.

30 Empringham Dr

District: Scarborough

Ward: 25, Scarborough–Rouge Park

Near: Morningside Ave & McLevin Ave

Friends/community group: TBC

Amenities: none, portable washrooms required

Accessibility: accessible portable washrooms required.

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 built 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.

120 The Queensway

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 3, Etobicoke–Lakeshore

Near: The Queensway & High Street

Friends/community group: Stonegate Community Health Centre

Amenities: Oculus Pavilion

Accessibility: paved paths, accessible portable 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

District: Etobicoke

Ward: 1, Etobicoke North

Near: Albion Rd and Islington

Friends/community group: TBC

Amenities: parking, washrooms

Accessibility: paved paths, accessible portable washrooms required.

Taylor Creek Park (East York)

This is a linear park that begins at Don Mills Road in the west and wanders to Dawes Road in the east. There are vehicle parking lots at either end of the park.

260 Dawes Rd

District: East York

Ward: 19 Beaches-East York

Near: Dawes Rd North of Danforth

Friends/community group: TBC

Amenities: bike trails, water fountain, firepit, parking lot, picnic site, washrooms

Accessibility: accessible portable washrooms required.

Thomson Memorial Park

This 41.8-hectare park follows the West Highland Creek and has many paths through the large wooded ravine that lets visitors experience nature in the city. The park also has a lit ball diamond, a lit multipurpose sports field, three lit tennis courts, permitted picnic/social gathering areas, a dog off-leash area, outdoor fitness equipment, a wading pool and a children's playground. *Please note:* max capacity is 500. Very busy park. Weekdays only. Limited availability.

1005 Brimley Rd

District: Scarborough

Ward: 21, Scarborough Centre

Near: Scarborough Museum

Friends/community group: Friends of Cedarbrook and Thomson Parks

Amenities: parking, washrooms, fire pit, drinking fountains, recreational trails

Accessibility: accessible washroom in the north end of the park.

Walter Saunders Memorial 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: Hopewell Community Garden

Amenities: none, portable washrooms required

Accessibility: multiple paved paths, accessible portable washrooms 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 required

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

Further Information

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