



## Rapid City Parks

Swift, clear Rapid Creek provides a corridor of municipal parks all along its 9-mile course through the city. A paved biking and jogging path follows the stream the entire distance.

From one end to the other, Rapid Creek provides a necklace of golf courses, ice rinks, athletic fields for baseball, softball and soccer, playgrounds, Frisbee golf, lawn bowling, and a polo field. The creek is popular for float tubing on hot days, and even in the heart of the city, it offers notoriously good fishing for brown trout!

Westside, Rapid Creek tumbles down out of the mountains and feeds Canyon Lake, one of the city's most beloved parks. A pretty promenade skirts the lake, with fishing spots, a duck-feeding area and a footbridge to an island gazebo. Try the many picnic areas and playgrounds.

The city's most extensive floral gardens are creek side in Sioux Park, near Main Street. A European formal design shows off more than 10,000 annuals and perennials in 70 beds. There's also an arboretum and a sunken garden nearby.

Downtown, near the Civic Center, Memorial Park displays 1,200 roses in South Dakota's only All-American Rose Selection Garden. There's public statuary, a band shell for summer concerts, and a real chunk of the infamous Berlin Wall.

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To understand Rapid City, take a nine-mile bicycle ride.

Begin at the west end of the city's main bike path, just beyond the State Fish Hatchery on Highway 44. Ride east on the path, along Rapid Creek, which runs through a unique park created after the defining moment in Rapid City's 120-year history.

The park is a floodway created by a natural disaster. On the night of June 9, 1972, up to 14 inches of rain fell on the mountainous watershed west of town. The rain fell for hours, and Rapid Creek came roaring out of the Black Hills, killing 238 people and destroying more than \$100 million in property.

People here still mark events as "before the flood" and "after the flood." Everyone who lived here in 1972 knew someone who perished.

Near the west end of the path, is the renovated Canyon Lake with a lighted shoreline path and a footbridge to the lake's island.

As you continue east on the path, still following the creek, you will pass through complexes of soccer fields and picnic areas. You will continue past Storybook Island, tennis courts, and more picnic sites. You will ride past Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and Memorial Park all the way to the Central States Fairgrounds on Rapid City's east side.

This long, winding park was created, in part, with some of the millions of federal dollars that poured into Rapid City after the 1972 flood.

## A 9-Mile Bicycle Ride



## RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL PARKS

The Parks Division maintains approximately 1,500 acres of park land in Rapid City. The size of these parks vary from 1.5 acres at Scott Mallow Park to 210 acres at Sioux Park. All Parks provide unlimited opportunities for fun and enjoyment and are open to the public until 10:00 p.m. Take time to enjoy Rapid City's parks – have a picnic, play horseshoes, tennis, softball, golf, go walking or jogging, or browse the rose and formal gardens!

Braeburn Park	3350 Idlehurst Lane
Canyon Lake Park	4181 Jackson Blvd.
Centennial Parkway	800 E. Centennial
Chuck Lien Family Park	Cowboy Hill
Cliffside Park	West Hwy 44
College Park	224 College Street
Dinosaur Park	940 Skyline Drive
Founders Park	West Omaha Street
Halley Park	1515 W. Blvd.
Horace Mann Park	818 Anamosa
Jackson Park	3040 Jackson Blvd.
Knollwood Heights Park	End of Racine Street
Legion Park	900 Van Buren Street
Mary Hall Park	3220 W. South Street
Memorial Park	8 <sup>th</sup> & Omaha Street
Minnesota Street Park	Minnesota Street
Vickie Powers Memorial Park	N. Haines Avenue
Quarry Park	City Springs Road
Robbinsdale Park	631 E. Oakland
Roosevelt Park	300 E. Omaha
Scott Mallow Park	1100 Custer Street
Sioux Park	1000 Sheridan Lake Road
Skyline Wilderness Area	Skyline Drive
Star of the West Sports Complex	1615 Sedivy Lane
Steel Avenue Park	260 E. Main
Storybook Island	1301 Sheridan Lake Road
Thomson Park	880 E. Meadowlark Drive
Wilderness Park	514 City Springs Road
Wilson Park	1701 Mt. Rushmore Road



### PICNIC SHELTERS

Planning a wedding, large group activity or other special event? If so, the Parks Division has several parks with picnic shelters just for your occasion. Three shelters available by reservation only: Canyon Lake Shelter #1, Old Storybook Island, Roosevelt Park North, call the Parks Division at 394-4175 for more information. Other Picnic Pavilions: Jackson Park, Sioux Park, Horace Mann, Thomson Park, College Park, Robbinsdale (2), Wilson Park, Roosevelt Park, and Canyon Lake (first come first served).

## ALL WEATHER RUNNING TRACK

Sioux Park – 2445 Canyon Lake Drive



## BASEBALL

Canyon Lake Little League - 1610 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Floyd Fitzgerald Post 22 Legion - 2721 Canyon Lake Dr  
Harney Baseball Complex - 610 E. Fairmont Blvd.  
Jamie Johnson Pony League - 1720 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Lien Field (Babe Ruth) - 2601 Canyon Lake Dr.



McKeague Colt Field - 2819 Canyon Lake Drive  
Rushmore Little League -131 E. New York Street  
Rushmore Pony League - 730 Anamosa Street  
Timberline Little League - 1450 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

**BASKETBALL COURTS** - Hoops are available at all major parks, plus the following areas: South Middle School, Thomson Park, North Middle School.

**BMX TRACK** – Robbinsdale Park – 626 Fairmont Blvd.



## DISC GOLF COURSES

9 hole - West Omaha Street

Jackson Park Course – 18 hole - 3040 Jackson Blvd.

**FITNESS/WALKING COURSE** – Located along the recreational trail near Storybook Island, this project is co-sponsored by the Black Hills Workshop. Various stations are available for warm-up, training and cool-down sequences. Great for all ages, shapes and sizes.

## HORSESHOE COURTS

Sioux Park Complex (12) - 900 Sheridan Lake Road

Canyon Lake Park (4)



## IN-LINE SKATING

Skate Park - 221 New York Street (In-line skating not allowed on tennis courts.)

## LEASH-FREE ZONES

Braeburn Addition – West of Cleghorn Springs Fish Hatchery off of Jackson Blvd. at Hockey Rink.  
Wilderness Park – East of City Springs Road and north of picnic area.  
Knollwood Metering Dam – North of Racine Street and west of LaCrosse Street  
Robbinsdale Park – South of picnic area, east of Harney Little League Complex and north of Fairmont Blvd.

## RACQUETBALL COURTS

Rushmore Complex (4) -20 W. Main  
Roosevelt Swim Center – Indoor (2) -125 Waterloo Street  
Sioux Park Complex (4) – 900 Sheridan Lake Road

## SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS

Sioux Park Complex (2) - 900 Sheridan Lake Road  
Founders Park (4) - West Omaha Street



## SOFTBALL

ASA Softball Complex - 4415 Parkview Drive  
Rushmore Girls Softball Complex - 20 E. Main

Star of the West Softball Complex - 1615 Sedivy Lane  
Whitehead Softball Complex - 3101 Canyon Lake Drive

## SOCCER

Cambell Street Polo Fields - 1835 Cambell Street  
Denver Field - 551 E. Blvd. North  
Fairmont Fields - 820 E. Fairmont  
Minnesota Field - Minnesota Street



Mountain View Field - 1801 W. Omaha Street  
Noordermeer Field - 900 Sheridan Lake Road  
Sioux San Fields - 2300 Canyon Lake Drive  
Star of the West Soccer Complex - 1615 Sedivy Lane

## TENNIS COURTS

City Springs (2) - City Springs Road  
Grandview Elementary (2) - 3301 Grandview Drive  
Memorial Park (6)\* - 8<sup>th</sup> & Omaha Streets  
North Middle School (6)\* - 1501 N. Maple Street  
Pinedale Elementary (2) - 901 W. Chicago

Sioux Park (12)\* - 2445 Canyon Lake Drive  
Stevens High School (2)\* - 1200 – 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Thomson Park (2) - 880 E. Meadowlark Drive  
Wilson Park (2) - 1701 Mt. Rushmore Road

**\*Lighted for night play**