



10 REASONS WHY WE ARE THANKFUL FOR PARKS & RECREATION

1. They allow us to make the connection that getting active and eating healthy is fun and good.
 2. They are places to see wildlife and experience nature. They pass on the benefits of conservation and cultivate an appreciation for nature.
 3. They are great places to walk, hike and bike, maybe even pick up a new activity like pickle ball.
 4. They are places to enjoy a picnic – who doesn't love to eat *al fresco*!
 5. They bring all types of people together regardless of age, race, income and ability.
 6. They are places for festivals, concerts, art displays, music, craft fairs and community events.
 7. They provide places for sports — teams, individual and tournaments.
 8. They can revitalize underserved communities transforming them into vibrant destinations and boost local economies by improving property values and attracting new businesses.
 9. They provide a safe place for kids and are one of the largest providers of care during out-of-school times.
 10. They offer the opportunity to volunteer and give back to our communities. Also they are where we can go for enrichment programs, senior care and therapeutic recreation opportunities.
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