Designing Townsville's Parks

Townsville City Council maintains over 300 parks and open space areas. Parks play an important role in the community, providing inclusive spaces for social and active recreation. The size and features of a park are determined by the location and type of recreation area.





Local Recreation Parks









These small parks offer a basic range of active recreation opportunities, and provide a communal gathering place that complements residents' backyards, typically servicing residents within a 400m radius.

They have basic infrastructure only, catering for small user groups and short periods of stay.

Some examples of local recreational parks are:

- Belmont Park, Kirwan
- West End Park, West End
- Sargeant Park, Gulliver

District Recreation Parks





Medium 2-3km 🤵 cycle/drive 🕒 1-3 hrs



These medium sized parks offer a variety of active recreation opportunities, and are well known destinations for residents living within their catchment they service a whole community or several surrounding suburbs, typically within a 2-3km radius.

They have a moderate number of features that provide diverse recreational experiences, capable of hosting small community events and longer periods of stay.

Some examples of district recreational parks are:

- Charles Moroney Park, Kelso
- Corcoran Park, Hermit Park
- leff Cadies Park, Rasmussen

Factsheet Legend



Size of open space



Service radius



Travel time



Period of stay



Table Legend

- Expected
- Desirable dependent on location
- Not suitable

Regional Recreation Parks









These large sized parks offer a wide variety of active recreation opportunities. They are a major landmark and/or destination, attracting both residents from across the city and visitors to the region.

They have a high number of features that provide unique recreational experiences to user groups of all ages and abilites.

Capable of hosting large community gatherings such as festivals or other unique events, with extended periods of stay by users encouraged.

Some examples of regional recreation parks are:

- Riverway, Thuringowa Central
- The Strand, North Ward

Embellishment Table		RECREATION PARKS		
		LOCAL	DISTRICT	REGIONAL
CATEGORY	EMBELLISHMENT TYPE			
Activity elements	Outdoor fitness equipment	_	~	~
	Informal sports/ courts (e.g. basketball half court)	☆	~	~
	Playground (mixed ages)	~	~	~
	Skate facilities	_	☆	☆
	Water-play		_	☆
Electrical	Activity node lighting	~	~	~
	Pathway lighting (ex. designated bikeways/ shared pathways)	_	☆	~
Fencing	Fencing (inc. bollards; post and rail; panels)	~	~	~
Furniture	Bench seats	~	~	~
	Barbeques (electric)	_	~	~
	Bins	~	~	~
	End of trip facilities (e.g. bicycle racks)	_	~	~
	Picnic tables and seats	☆	~	~
	Water bubbler/tap	~	~	~
Irrigation	Irrigation	☆	~	~
Landscaping	Garden beds (excluding natural vegetation areas)	☆	~	~
	Shade trees	~	~	~
	Turf areas (Inc. events/ activity lawns)	~	~	~
Signage	Park name sign	~	~	~
	Information signage (inc. regulatory, directional and interpretive signage)	☆	~	~
Structures and buildings	Picnic shelters/gazebos	☆	☆	~
	Shade sails	☆	☆	~
	Toilet block	_	☆	~
Transport and access	Carparking	_	~	~
	Internal pathways	_	☆	~
Other Infrastructure	Dog off leash park (fenced)	_	☆	☆
	Public art		☆	~
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