

NEWARK AREA RECREATION

BRANCH BROOK PARK

Park Ave. & Lake St., Newark
360 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Large lake with meandering streams with a view of the Cathedral Basilica across the lake
Playgrounds, ballfields, basketball, tennis, horseshoes
The famed "Cherry Blossom Land"
"Monarch Meadow," a newly established butterfly garden
Roller rink
Four-mile park drive
Meeker Mound Pavilion

DIRECTIONS

From the Hotel: Start out going north on Hotel Road. Make a slight left toward US-1-9/ Airport Exit. Take the US-1-9 ramp toward RT-21/ Newark Downtown/ US-22/ I-78. Merge onto US-1 9 N/ US-1 & 9 N. Merge onto NJ-21 N/ McCarter Hwy toward Newark. Merge onto Broad Street. Make a left onto Orange Street. Turn right onto Clifton Road.

RIVERBANK PARK

Market St. & Van Buren St., Newark
11 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Elaborate grandstand overlooks the baseball field
Playground and playground shelter
Lighted tennis & basketball courts
1/5 mile running track
Synthetic turf soccer field
Fieldhouse used for summer playground activities

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INDEPENDENCE PARK

Van Buren St. & Walnut St., Newark
13 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Playground
Three lighted youth softball fields
Lighted bocce, basketball, and volleyball courts
Soccer field and hockey rink
Symmetrical layout of winding walks

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toward Newark. Turn left onto Delancy St. Make a right onto Stockton Street. Turn left onto Wilson Ave. Turn left onto Lafayette Street. Turn left onto Van Buren St.

WEEQUAHIC PARK

Elizabeth Ave. & Meeker Ave., Newark
312 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

18-hole golf course
The famous old half-mile race track where trotters ran weekly is now used by joggers
A fieldhouse which services ballfields, basketball, and one of two playgrounds
Tennis, paddleball courts, a playground and a formal garden
Picnic area by the lakeshore
2-mile rubberized jogging track circling the lake
Gospel and jazz concerts under the stars

DIRECTIONS

From the Hotel: Start out going north on Hotel Road. Make a slight left toward US-1-9/ Airport Exit. Take the Haynes Ave ramp. Keep right at the fork in the ramp and stay straight to go onto Haynes Ave. Turn right onto Meeker Ave.

IVY HILL PARK

Mt. Vernon Pl. & Seton Hall University, Newark
19 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Ten hard surface tennis courts
Three baseball fields
Combination football/soccer field
Band concert area
Lighted basketball court
Playground and shelter

DIRECTIONS

From the Hotel: Start out going north on Hotel Road. Make a slight left toward US-1-9/ AIRPORT EXIT/ I-78. Go straight toward I-95/ NJ Turnpike N/ I-78. Merge onto I-78 W toward Garden State Parkway/Clinton. Take EXIT 55 toward Hillside/Irvington. Keep left at the fork in the ramp and stay straight to go onto Fabyan Place. Turn right onto Lyons Ave./ CR-602. Make a left onto Springfield Ave./ NJ-124/ CR-603. Turn right onto Sanford Ave/ CR-605. Make a left onto Clinton Ave./ CR-665. Continue to follow CR-665. CR-665 becomes Irvington Ave. Turn right onto Manor Drive.

BROOKDALE PARK

Watchung Ave., Bloomfield
122 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

1½ mile fitness course
Synthetic ¼ mile running track and football field
Soccer & softball fields
Archery field
Bike races
Grandstand
Fieldhouse
Interpretative Trail
Playground
11 Tennis Courts
Formal rose garden with over 100 different species.

DIRECTIONS

From the Hotel: Start out going north on Hotel Road. Make a slight left toward US-1-9/ Airport Exit. Continue straight toward I-95/NJ Turnpike N/Garden State Parkway. Merge onto I-78 W toward Garden State Parkway/Clinton. Take EXIT 55 toward Hillside/Irvington. Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp and continue straight to go onto Fabyan Place. Turn right onto Lyons Ave./ CR-602. Make a left onto Cleremont Ave. and merge onto Garden State Pkwy. N. Take the Watchung Ave. exit, EXIT 151, toward Montclair/Nutley. Take the ramp toward Bloomfield. Turn left onto CR-655/Watchung Ave.

ORANGE PARK

Center St. & Harrison St., Orange
48 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Football and soccer fields
Jogging path
Fishing pond: 1 ½ acres
Lighted basketball court
Softball fields
Playground

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IRVINGTON PARK

Grove St. & Lyons Ave., Irvington
25 Acres

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

A small pond of 1.6 acres used for fishing
1/6-mile running track
Football field
Soccer field
Two softball fields
Baseball field
Lighted basketball courts
Playground
Fieldhouse
Tennis courts
1/5-mile jogging path around pond

DIRECTIONS

From the Hotel: Start out going north on Hotel Road. Make a slight left toward US-1-9/ Airport Exit. Continue straight toward I-95/NJ Turnpike N/Garden State Parkway. Merge onto I-78 W toward Garden State Parkway/Clinton. Take EXIT 55 toward Hillside/Irvington. Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp and continue straight to go onto Fabyan Place. Turn right onto Lyons Ave./ CR-602.

FRANCIS BYRNE GOLF COURSE

Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange
Phone # 973-736-2306

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

168-Acre Course
18-Holes
Golf carts
Clubhouse and food concession
Putting green

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WEEQUAHIC PARK GOLF COURSE

Elizabeth Avenue, Newark
Phone # 973-923-1838

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

First public golf course in New Jersey
18-hole golf course
Newly renovated clubhouse
Putting green
Food concession

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TURTLE BACK ZOO

560 Northfield Avenue
West Orange, New Jersey, 07052
973-731-5800
Monday-Saturday 10AM to 4:30PM
Sunday 11AM to 5:30PM
Entrance Fee: \$8.00 and \$4.00

NEWARK FESTIVALS & PARADES

February-Black History Month
March-St. Patrick's Day Parade
May-African-American Heritage Day Parade
June-Portuguese Day Parade & Festival, Newark Festival of People, Newark Black Film Festival
July-Puerto Rican Statewide Parade & Festival
August-Gospel Festival and Africa-Newark Festival
September-Brazilian Independence Day Festival
October-Columbus Day Parade, United Nations Day
November-Sarah Vaughan Jazz Festival at Newark

OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

BRANCH BROOK PARK ROLLER SKATING CENTER

Features a state-of-the-art sound system and is equipped with a pro shop, a skate rental area, refreshment stands, a room for private parties, vending machines, and a game area.

7th and Clifton Avenues
(973) 482-8900

THE NEWARK MUSEUM

The museum's world-famous collections include American Paintings and Sculpture, the Decorative Arts, the Arts of Africa, Classic Can, Numismatics, and the Arts of Asia, including the largest Tibetan collection in the Western Hemisphere. The Museum also features the 1885 Ballantine House restoration, a national historic landmark; the Dreyfuss planetarium; a Mini Zoo; and the Newark Fire Museum. Concerts, lectures, films, and children's events are scheduled throughout the year, and the Museum Shops and Cafe offer services for visitors. Admission free.
49 Washington Street
(973) 596-6550

THE NEWARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Since its formation in 1889, the Newark Public Library has developed an extensive book collection in addition to large periodical, picture, music, and video collections. It also houses the latest media and technical equipment. Hours vary for departments and branches. Call for information.
5 Washington Street
(973) 733-7800

NEWARK SYMPHONY HALL

The Newark Symphony Hall is one of the state's major cultural centers where audiences have enjoyed symphony, ballet, opera, professional theater groups, and popular music programs. Acoustically, the concert hall is considered to be one of the finest on the East Coast.
1020 Broad Street
(973) 643-8009

THE NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (NJ PAC)

Situated on a 12-acre site, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center is the city's newest and largest cultural center and houses two beautiful theaters: the 2,750-seat Great Hall and the 500-seat Victoria Theatre. NJPAC also includes two restaurants, a soaring rotunda, secured staffed parking, and a convenient arrival plaza.
McCarter Highway and Park Place
(973) 648-8989



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