

Sisters Parks Master Plan Park Inventory Report

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BACKGROUND

The City of Sisters contracted with Cameron McCarthy Landscape Architecture and Planning (Cameron McCarthy) to create a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Parks Master Plan). The Plan includes a guiding vision for the parks system and provides focus and direction for policy, planning, and implementation efforts. After identifying system assets, deficiencies, and needs, the Parks Master Plan will provide goals, policies, recommendations, and implementation measures that will guide the development of the park system over the next 20-years.

Community Planning Workshop (CPW) at the University of Oregon is working in corporation with Cameron McCarthy specifically on community involvement activities and public meetings; inventory and evaluation of existing parks, recreation, and open space facilities and resources; and community needs assessment.

OVERVIEW

Effective parks system planning requires identifying and assessing existing park facilities and amenities through an inventory process. The inventory process exposes system-wide strengths, needs, opportunities and constraints, and reveals underserved areas and services. Knowledge of the activities that occur in each park and the condition of facilities and amenities helps guide recommendations and capital improvement programming efforts. The inventory process includes consideration and assignment of park classifications. Careful review of current and future park system needs by park classification type ensures a balanced parks system capable of efficient service to the community.

National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) classifications are used as a basis for creating a classification system specific to the needs, resources, and facilities in Sisters. Park classification determination considers individual park benefits, functions, size, service area, and amenities. The park classifications selected for Sisters consist of the following categories:

- Mini Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Community Park
- Special Use Park
- Trails
- Open Space
- Undeveloped Parkland
- Recreation District Facilities
- School District Facilities
- Private Facilities

The parks inventory includes all parkland owned by the City as well as information about local trails, the public school district, the park and recreation district, and privately owned recreation facilities that are available to residents. The inventory

was completed using information provided by City staff as well as visits to park facilities.

INVENTORY & CLASSIFICATION

The City of Sisters currently owns and maintains eight park facilities, which comprise 15.58 acres of developed parkland. The existing parks system provides a range of park types and recreation opportunities. Different types of parks serve different functions and needs in the community.

For the purpose of this Plan, park facilities are assessed based on amenities, size, service area, and function. Sisters operates two mini parks, one neighborhood park, two community parks, three special use parks, five trails, and two open space areas. Following is a summary of the park classifications, their acreages, and brief descriptions of each facility. More detailed information about individual City park facilities and amenities can be found in the Inventory Appendix.

Existing Parks	Park Acres/ Trail Miles
Mini Parks	0.46
Buck Run Park	0.02
Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park	0.44
Neighborhood Parks	2.30
Cliff Clemens Park	2.30
Community Parks	3.90
Village Green Park	1.25
Creekside Park	2.65
Special Use Parks	6.92
Three Sisters Overnight Park	6.70
Veterans Memorial Park	0.20
Wild Stallion Park	0.02
Trails	33.76
Whychus Creek Trail	1.00
Tollgate - High School Trail	0.76
Peterson Ridge/Sisters Mountain Bike Trail	25.00
Five Pine - Peterson Ridge Trail Connector	0.50
Sisters Tie Trail	6.50
Open Space	132.80
United States Forest Service parcels	65.00
East Portal Facilities	6.30

Mini Parks

There are two mini-parks in Sisters. Mini parks are typically located on small parcels and provide passive or limited active recreation opportunities. Mini parks

provide basic neighborhood recreation amenities, such as playgrounds, sport courts, benches, and lawn areas. These parks are generally smaller than 1-acre and serve residents within a ¼-mile radius.

Buck Run Park

The triangularly shaped, 0.02-acre Buck Run Park provides access to Whychus Creek. The park is located across from the Three Sisters Overnight Park and adjacent to the Buck Run subdivision. The name refers to historical deer travel along the creek.

Harold & Dorothy Barclay Park

Among original pioneer entrepreneurs to settle in Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Barclay formed a successful local logging company. Today, in the heart of the City's commercial zone, the 0.1-acre plaza bears their names in honor of their historic contributions. The highly developed park is located south of Highway 20 between Oak and Fir Streets, serving as a welcome resting spot for pedestrians and travelers that features a small landscaped pond, public restrooms, and plenty of benches. It received an Award of Excellence for small cities in 2003 from the League of Oregon Cities. Positively noted was the fact that about 80% of the project was privately funded with contributions that included the Sisters Kiwanis, Rotary, and Chamber of Commerce.

Neighborhood Parks

Sisters operates one neighborhood park. Neighborhood parks are located within walking and bicycling distance of most users. Neighborhood parks provide access to basic recreation activities for nearby residents of all ages, function as critical open space, and are often defining elements of a neighborhood. These parks are generally 1 to 5 acres in size and serve residents within ¼ to ½-mile radius. Neighborhood parks typically include facilities such as playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, lawn areas, picnic tables, and benches.

Cliff Clemens Park

In 2004, Cliff Clemens Park was dedicated to Mr. Clifton Clemens in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding and devoted service to the community of Sisters. As the first president of the Kiwanis Club of Sisters, he has been referred to as "Sisters most venerable citizen" for his commitment to the community. Located at the corner of Black Butte Avenue and Larch Street, the 2.3-acre undeveloped neighborhood park is a wide-open green lawn with parking access and trail connections. The park is currently often used by the neighboring residential community and as a place to exercise dogs.

Community Parks

Sisters operates two community parks. Community parks provide a variety of structured, active, passive, and informal recreation opportunities for all age groups. Community parks are generally larger in size and serve a wide base of residents. They typically include facilities that attract people from the entire community, such as sports fields, pavilions and picnic shelters, and water

features, and require support facilities, such as parking and restrooms. These parks may also include natural areas, unique landscapes, and trails. Community parks may range in size from 1- to 50-acres.

Village Green Park

Predominantly covered by green lawn, this well used 1.25-acre Community Park is located just two blocks south of downtown between Elm and Fir Streets. For a nominal fee, the City allows groups to reserve the park for events including craft shows, fairs, and weddings. The park has many developed amenities offering a range of uses to the community.

Creekside Park

Located between Highway 20, Jefferson Avenue and Locust Street, Creekside Park is an undeveloped natural area adjacent to the glacier fed Whychus Creek. The 2.65-acre park is often used for picnicking as it has many picnic tables spread throughout the many large coniferous trees on the grass lawn. Bathrooms are accessible via the pedestrian foot bridge to the adjacent Three Sisters Overnight Park.

Special Use Parks

There are three special use parks in Sisters. Special use parks are recreation sites or parkland occupied by a specialized facility designed to serve a specific function. Facilities typically included in this classification are sports field complexes, community centers, community gardens, skate parks, aquatic centers, and amphitheaters.

Three Sisters Overnight Park

Three Sisters Overnight Park is a 6.7-acre developed campground for tent and RV visitors. Located between Highway 20, Jefferson Avenue and Locust Street, it is both close to the highway but tucked away in the surrounding residential area. Creekside Park is adjacent to the overnight park and accessible by a centrally located foot bridge. There are also connections to paved paths running parallel to Whychus Creek along the overnight park side.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated in 2006 to those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and their families. The 2.3-acres are entirely maintained by volunteers -many of which are involved with Sisters Rotary or the Sisters Community Church. The flag pole was donated by local contractor Lynn Johnston and the flag has been donated (and replaced about every two years) by Earl Schroeder of the Sisters Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The park also features a memorial rock plaque that was donated by the VFW.

Wild Stallion Park

Wild Stallion Park, 0.02-acre on the corner of Larch and Cascade Streets, is named for its prominent 13-foot bronze horse statue by renowned Sisters artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri. The statue, entitled "The Wild Stallion," was donated to the City in 2009.

Trails

The City of Sisters recognizes five trails. Trails refer to trail-oriented recreational activity as well as to connectors that serve as public access routes.

Whychus Creek Trail¹

The Whychus Creek Trail is approximately one mile long and follows a section of Whychus Creek along the east banks wandering through sections of creek beds and pine forest. Constructed in 2007, it is a single track dirt trail that is flat with uneven surface in some sections. According to the Sisters Trail Alliance, “Access on the north end is provided near the foot bridge on the Mainline Road approximately ¼ mile west of Three Creeks Road (park along on the edge of the Mainline Road), and on the south end near the 2 mile marker on Three Creek Road (no immediate parking at this location).”

Tollgate- High School Trail

The Tollgate-High School Trail is 0.76 miles of compacted gravel and bentonite connecting the Tollgate Community to the Middle and High Schools. Constructed in 2006, Between Tollgate and the high school the trail meanders through the Trout Creek Conservation area (managed by the Deschutes Basin Land Trust and the Sisters School District). Constructed in 2006, the trail is approximately 8 feet wide, moderately flat, and bikable. Trail is accessible from the Tollgate south end and the Sisters High School east parking lot.

Peterson Ridge/Sisters Mountain Bike Trail

The Peterson Ridge Trail/ Sisters Mountain Bike Trail, approximately 25 miles in length, was originally constructed in 1989 and dramatically expanded in 2008. The trails alternate between single-track trails and an old forest service road. It is considered generally easy west and east legs, with connector trails in between and some sections of moderate difficulty due to elevation gains to the south. A 5.5-mile section includes the Eagle Rock Loop Trail. The Peterson Ridge/ Sisters Mountain Bike Trail can be accessed off of Three Creek Road, however the main trail head is half a mile south of downtown on the south side of the Whychus Creek bridge. According to the Sisters Trails Alliance, parking is limited at the main trailhead, however users often park at Village Green Park where restrooms are also available. Additional access points are just past mile marker five on Three Creek Road and where the trail crosses Mainline and Peterson Ridge Roads. The Sisters Trails Alliance also notes that parking is limited at both and that the portion in town is heavily used by walkers, joggers, hikers, and dog walkers so bicyclists should use caution.

Five Pine–Peterson Ridge Trail Connector

The half mile Five Pine–Peterson Ridge Trail Connector is a combination of single dirt track and old Forest Service road. Its trailhead is a trail kiosk south of 1001 Desperado Trail Road within the Five Pines development.

¹ Information provided by Sisters Trails Alliance.

Sisters Tie Trail

The Sisters Tie Trail connects to the Indian Ford Campground which then provides connections to the Metolius/Windigo Trail across highway 20, the Black Butte Loop Trails, and the Suttle Lake Tie Trail. The over six and a half mile trail is generally flat single-track but also has some areas of old Forest Service road. Trailheads are half a mile north of Sisters on Pine Street, near Campsite 12 within the Indian Ford Campground, and near the connector trail to Three Creek Road on the north end of Pine Street.

Open Space

Open space includes areas designated for protection or preservation and left primarily in its natural state.

United States Forest Service parcels

Two Forest Service parcels are located north of the State Park facilities. Together they make up 65 acres of open space on land zoned for landscape management and urban reserve.

East Portal Facilities

The East Portal, located at the intersection of Highways 20 and 126, is not entirely undeveloped. Owned by the United States Forest Service, the wooded, natural area has public parking, restrooms, and a shelter with public art/ historical information about the area and the City of Sisters.

Undeveloped Parkland

There are four identified areas of undeveloped parkland in Sisters. Undeveloped parkland refers to land that is City-owned and carrying potential to be developed parkland. This can occur through adding facilities or amenities or developing the land for higher use.

“Paul’s Park” off of Three Sisters Overnight Park

This approximately 5-acre undeveloped end of the Three Sisters Overnight Park has access to the Whychus Creek Trail, large Ponderosa Pines disbursed openly throughout a green lawn, and a neighboring residential area. While it has an irrigation system, it does not have lighting and currently has some minor issues with graffiti, vandalism, and litter.

East Saint Helens Avenue Right of Way

This area is within City right-of-way and has potential to become a future linear park with water access to Whychus Creek.

Saint Helens between Ash & Pine Streets

This City-owned right-of-way area has the potential to be developed into a future linear park.

Lot behind Habitat for Humanity Restore

The lots behind and occupying the Habitat for Humanity Restore are City-owned and potential for parkland redevelopment.

Recreation District Facilities²

The mission of the Sisters Park & Recreation District is to provide recreational opportunities designed to benefit the health and wellness of the Sisters community. In 1995, community groups (including the Sisters School District, Sisters Kiwanis Club, Sisters Rotary Club, Sisters Rodeo Association, AARP and the Parent Teacher Association) came together as a non-profit organization called Sisters Organization for Activities & Recreation (SOAR) to provide recreation, sports and enrichment programs for Sisters area youth and families. Three years later, voters approved a special park and recreation district partially funded by their taxes. In 2009, the name became Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) with the Sisters Park & Recreation District Foundation as its fundraising arm. The Foundation is governed by an appointed Board of Directors. SPRD is governed by a board of five elected officials and has boundaries similar to the Sisters School District, serving about 14,000 residents.

Coffield Community Center

The Coffield Community Center is 10,000 square feet and includes a teen center, dance and fitness studio, business office and three classrooms. An endeavor made possible by the efforts of the SPRD Foundation in 2004, today over 150 people use the center each day to participate in programs. Every year over 3,000 kids participate in the programs and it is located within walking distance of the middle and high schools.

Community Ball Fields

There are two community ball fields located next to the SPRD facilities. The ball fields include the following amenities:

- Signage
- Picnic table
- Bleachers (2 at Field 1)
- Dugouts (2 at each)
- Secured storage
- Drinking fountain

Community Garden

Mission: To establish a beautiful garden that fosters community connections among Sisters area residents. The garden will serve as: a gathering place for a mosaic of people, a resource for education, and an opportunity to realize the benefits and pleasure derived from gardening.

² Information provided by the Sisters Parks and Recreation District.

The Cavanaugh Logging Company, Katie Cavanaugh, and Sue Stafford were instrumental in spearheading the movement to establish the community garden in Sisters providing necessary fundraising and donations. Today the four-year old Sisters Community Garden non-profit is managed by an oversight committee under the umbrella of SPRD and its 48 plots are leased to groups and individuals in the community. Among their duties, the committee handles membership, plot applications, funds, and plot activity. The land that holds the community garden, located on Adams Avenue between Larch and Spruce Streets, was formerly leased from Habitat for Humanity, however it is now under private ownership.

The community garden includes the following amenities:

- Signage
- Ground Beds (14)
- Above Ground Planter Boxes (2)
- Secured Shed
- Unsecured Storage Shelter
- Benches (4)
- Picnic Table
- Tables (3)
- Lawn Chairs (2)
- Wagon

Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course

Located near Sisters High School and SPRD headquarters at 1750 W. McKinney Butte Rd., the Hyzer Pines Disc Golf Course was constructed by Ryan Lane. It opened in 2007 as the premier 18-hole par three course in Deschutes County. The equipment includes Innova Discatcher Baskets and Launch Pads Rubber tee pads.

Additional Facilities

The recreation district additionally owns and maintains a playground at the community center and a half pipe for skateboarding at the high school. The playground includes a climbing wall, play structure, secured storage, basketball hoop (under half court size), and a picnic table.

School District Facilities

School playgrounds and recreational facilities provide a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities designed to serve a certain age group within the community. Residents in the community have the potential to utilize school district facilities for active and passive uses during non-school hours. Elementary and middle or junior high schools may offer playgrounds and sports facilities. High schools tend to offer solely sport facilities. There are three school district facilities in Sisters.

Sisters Elementary School

The Sisters Elementary School, located at 611 East Cascade, has about 430 students grades K-4 that use the following facilities and amenities:

- Trails map

- Basketball court (6 baskets or 2 courts, court doubles as two tennis courts)
- Soccer goals (6)
- Perimeter trail (around play field)
- Play structures (2)
- Swing sets (2)
- Picnic benches (4 on play field)
- Bike rack (1)
- Mini softball field
- Dugouts (2)
- Maintenance shed
- Climbing dome

Sisters Middle School

The Sisters Middle School, located at 15200 McKenzie Highway, has an enrolment of about 445 students grades 5-8 and includes some of the following facilities and amenities:

- Rock wall
- Slide
- Monkey loop bars
- Swing set
- Full basketball court
- Wall ball (shared with basketball court)
- Soccer field
- Baseball fields (3)
- School greenhouse

Sisters High School

Sisters High School, located at 1700 West McKinney Butte Road, has about 523 students grades 9-12 and includes some of the following amenities:

- Bike racks (3 sets)
- Picnic benches (9)
- Pay phone
- Benches (7)
- Soccer fields with four goals
- Baseball fields (3)
- Dugouts (2)
- Football field
- Portable toilets (2)
- Secured storage (3: 2 small, 1 large garage)
- Bleachers (4)
- Reed Stadium
 - ticket stands (2)
 - sheltered picnic area
 - lights (6)
 - picnic benches (4)
 - trash receptacles (8)

- Portable restrooms (3)
- Bench

Private Facilities

Private facilities provide unique recreational services to selected resident and/or visitor users. Since they also offer unique draws, these facilities include some that are in and some that are outside the Sisters city limits.

Saddlestone Park

Saddlestone Park is a private mini park located on Cowboy and Black Outte Avenue of the Saddlestone subdivision. It includes the following amenities open to public use:

- Connection to internal subdivision trails
- Play structure
- Dog station
- Benches (2)
- Picnic tables (4)
- Covered picnic shelter

Sisters Community Church

The Sisters Community Church, located at 1300 W. McKenzie Highway, is a “non-denominational bible-believing” church that owns and operates base ball fields, meeting rooms, an indoor gym, and other facilities. All the facilities and amenities are open to public use free of charge. There are no restrictions on use of the play equipment outdoors. Indoors, the gymnasium is used for basketball, volleyball, parties, and events. Users schedule with the church for use of the ball fields, gym, and main facility (including auditorium and meeting rooms). Ball fields are primarily used by little league. Following is a detailed account of the Sisters Community Church facilities:

- Baseball field 1:
 - dugouts (2)
 - wooden bleachers
 - scoreboard
 - local sponsoring businesses
 - picnic tables (4)
 - secure concession stand
- Baseball field 2:
 - dugouts (2)
 - secured storage
 - unsecured storage
 - score board
 - wooden bleachers
 - ticket window
- Baseball field 3 (½ size):
 - dugouts (2)
 - wooden bleachers
- Open, flat field space

- Mini rock wall
- Play structure
- Slides

Pine Meadow Village

Pine Meadow Village is a private subdivision with its clubhouse located at 596 East Jefferson Avenue. Other facilities include a swimming pool, hot tub, tennis courts, greenbelts, pathways, creeks, ponds, and walking/ biking paths.

Additional School Facilities

The additional schools listed below have a minor impact on community recreation opportunities based on facility size and use by small selected populations.

SISTERS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Sisters Christian Academy, located at 15211 McKinney Butte Road, is a private secular school serving about 70 students from pre kindergarten to eighth grade. Facilities are for private use and include an indoor gym and blacktop playground.

SISTERS EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

The Sisters Early College Academy is a private charter school located at 490 E Cascade that generally serves between 17 and 34 students. The school does not adhere to the traditional K-12 grade level system.

SISTERS CHARTER ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS

The Sisters Charter Academy of Fine Arts is located at 450 East Cascade Ave and serves about 30 students in grades K-7.

LITTLE OUTLAW LEARNING CENTER

The Little Outlaw Learning Center is a private preschool located at 15200 McKenzie Highway serving about 28 children.

APPENDIX A: PARKS INVENTORY

Buck Run Park

Type

Mini Park

Size

0.02 acres

Status

Undeveloped

Existing Facilities

- Bench
- Picnic table
- Signage
- Water access

**Description**

The triangularly shaped Buck Run Park provides access to Whychus Creek. The park is located across from Three Sisters Overnight Park and next to the Buck Run subdivision. The name refers to historical deer travel along the creek.

Opportunities and Constraints

- Close proximity to Three Sisters Overnight Park.

Harold and Dorothy Barclay Park

Type

Mini Park

Size

0.44 acres

Status

Developed

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Parking
- ADA Access
- Lighting
- Pedestrian Plaza
- Restrooms
- Benches (11)
- Water Feature
- Trash Receptacles
- Trees



Description

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Opportunities and Constraints

- Interest in a local performance area/amphitheater
- Opportunity to prominently display public art
- Interest in more small community activities
- Additional seating
- Concerns over better servicing of bathrooms
- Interest in more landscaping
- Additional parking lot improvements

Cliff Clemens Park

Type

Neighborhood Park

Size

2.30 acres

Status

Undeveloped

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Parking
- ADA access (limited)
- Access to paths
- Lighting (limited)
- Picnic Tables (5)
- Benches (2)
- Dog Station
- Trash Receptacle (1)



Description

In 2004, Cliff Clemens Park was dedicated to Mr. Clifton Clemens in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding and devoted service to the community of Sisters. As the first president of the Kiwanis Club of Sisters, he has been referred to as “Sisters most venerable citizen” for his commitment to the community. Located at the corner of Black Butte Avenue and Larch Street, this undeveloped neighborhood park is a wide-open green lawn with parking access and trail connections. The park is currently frequently used by the neighboring residential community and as a place to exercise dogs.

Opportunities and Constraints

- Interest in adding playground equipment (some potentially covered)
- New trees exist at parking area and perimeter
- Interest in adding athletic fields and equipment
- Interest in adding restroom facilities
- Interest in adding rock climbing facilities
- Interest in sand volleyball
- Interest in adding swings
- An expressed desire for wireless internet access at the park
- Desires for more activities
- Needs better connectivity with downtown
- Desire for access to a community garden
- Concern for better landscaping to make it more inviting

- Potential interest in adding a splash play feature
- Desire for more seating
- Desires for better park signage
- Expressed desire for bike trails
- Needs enforcement for dog waste removal

Village Green Park

Type

Community Park

Size

1.25 acres

Status

Developed

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Information Kiosk
- Parking
- Lighting (limited)
- Bike Rack (1)
- Picnic tables (10)
- Benches (6)
- Water Fountain (1)
- Gazebo (1)
- Covered Pavilion
- Veterans Memorial
- Play Structure (1)
- Double Swing (1)
- Trash Receptacles (4)
- Trees and Landscaping



Description

Predominantly covered by lawn, this well used developed Community Park is located just two blocks south of downtown between Elm and Fir Streets. For a nominal fee, the City allows groups to reserve the park for events including craft shows, fairs, and weddings. The park has many developed amenities offering a range of uses to the community.

Opportunities and Constraints

- City allows motor homes to park there during the daytime
- Electricity is available
- Desires for more/ better accessible garbage containers
- Potential interest in more picnic tables
- Interest in a water play feature
- Needs drinking fountains
- Needs recycling containers
- Needs dog stations
- Interest in adding swings

- Interest for more community activities
- Needs better connectivity to trails, other parks, and Whychus Creek
- Interest in public art
- Potential interest for benches inside the gazebo
- The swinging bench is considered dangerous to many
- Outdated play equipment
- Lack of bike parking
- Outdated restrooms
- Needs enforcement for dog waste removal
- Concerns about safety at night

Creekside City Park

Type

Community Park

Size

2.65 acres

Status

Partially developed

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Information/directional signage
- Parking
- Creek Access
- Bike and Pedestrian Bridge
- Picnic Tables (10)
- Benches (1)
- Dog Station (1)
- Drinking Fountain (1)
- Trees and Landscaping



Description

Located between Highway 20, Jefferson Avenue, and Locust Street, Creekside Park is a partially developed park adjacent to glacier fed Whychus Creek. The park is often used for picnicking as it has many picnic tables spread throughout the many large coniferous trees on the grass lawn. Bathrooms are accessible via the pedestrian foot bridge to the adjacent Three Sisters Overnight Park.

Opportunities and Constraints

- Interest in a local performance area/amphitheatre
- Needs an electrical upgrade
- Potential need for free-standing benches
- Interest in adding public art
- Needs ADA compliance update
- Expressed desires for better creek access
- Potential location for horseshoe pits at the east end of the park
- Needs dog stations
- Interest for more public activities throughout the year
- Desires for additional picnic tables
- Interest in a gazebo
- Concerns over lighting and safety
- Concerns about homeless activity in the park

Three Sisters Overnight Park

Type

Special Use

Size

6.70 acres

Status

Developed

Existing Facilities

- Signage
- Access to Path
- Access to Whychus Creek
- Restrooms
- RV Spaces (70)
- Picnic Tables (for RVs)
- Fire Pits (for RVs)
- Full Hook-up for RVs (25)
- RV Sewage Disposal Station
- Storage Sheds (3)
- Camp Host
- Pay Station
- Trash Dumpster (1)



Description

Three Sisters Overnight Park is a developed campground for tent and RV visitors. Located between Highway 20, Jefferson Avenue and Locust Street, it is both close to the highway but tucked away in the surrounding residential area. Creekside Park is adjacent to the overnight park and accessible by a centrally located foot bridge. There are also connections to paved paths running parallel to Whychus Creek along the overnight park side.

Opportunities and Constraints

- Has trees and natural habitat
- Does not have a playground
- No local access to a dog park
- Needs an electrical upgrade in Southeast end for Whychus Trail lighting and park lighting
- Users voice desire for a posted map of the city that shows amenities
- Potential area for a community garden
- Needs additional way finding park signage
- Needs updates to the restrooms
- Potential for more grass in the landscaping

- Benches and seating need paint
- Needs improved lighting for safety

Veterans Memorial Park

Type

Special Use Park

Size

0.20 acres

Status

Developed

Existing Facilities

- Flag pole
- Memorial
- Welcome sign
- Lighting –decorative



Description

The Veterans Memorial Park was dedicated in 2006 to those who have served in the United States Armed Forces and their families. The park is entirely maintained by volunteers -many of which are involved with Sisters Rotary or the Community Church. The flag pole was donated by local contractor Lynn Johnston and the flag has been donated (and replaced about every two years) by Earl Schroeder of the Sisters Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The park also features a memorial rock plaque that was donated by the VFW.

Opportunities and Constraints

- Maintenance is the result of community volunteerism.

Wild Stallion Park

Type

Special Use Park

Size

0.02 acres

Status

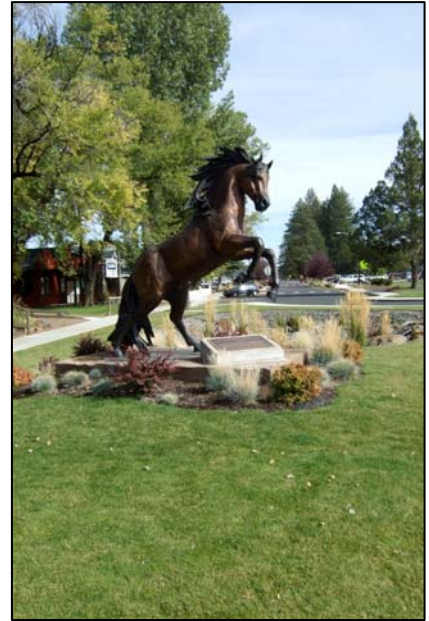
Developed

Existing Facilities

- Bronze stallion statue
- Landscaping
- Bioswale

Description

Wild Stallion Park, on the corner of Larch and Cascade Streets, is named for its prominent 13-foot bronze horse statue by renowned Sisters artist Lorenzo Ghiglieri. The statue, entitled “The Wild Stallion,” was donated to the City in 2009.



Opportunities and Constraints

- Could use decorative lighting.