

10. Parks

Forks Park facilities

Forks developed the following park and recreational facilities:

- **Tillicum Park** - 20 acres located on Tillicum Lane improved with playground, skate park, Allen sports courts (2 pickleball, 2 basketball, and 2 tennis courts), 3,200 square foot covered picnic shelter, a 230-foot grass, a 200-300-foot adjustable grass, and 300-foot grass baseball fields with bleacher, concession, and restroom, a 160x190-foot roller skating arena with announcer booth, disc golf course, the historic Shay locomotive and Scorpion M56 vehicle on display, and 2 restroom facilities. Tillicum Park, serves as a rest stop for tourists and a staging place for community events such as Rainfest and the Forks Old Fashioned Fourth of July
- **Calawah River Boat Launch** - 5.4 acres located at 158302-6 North Forks Avenue east of US-101's Calawah River Bridge with boat ramp, dog park, picnic tables, and trails that is used by local residents and tourists. Washington State deeded the boat launch to Forks after construction and Forks has operated the boat launch ever since.
- **Landscaped triangle** - 1,785 square foot grass area at the intersection of US-101 and Sol Duc.
- **Ford Park** - 1.5 undeveloped acres of green space located off Prairie Drive off Crescent Street.
- **West End Aquatic Center (formerly Forks Recreation Center)** - a 14,075 square foot facility located at 91 Maple Avenue consisting of a workout center, lap pool, exercise classroom, and a 3,000 square foot community, teen, and senior center built with voter approved bonds and grant funds. After a few years of operating, the Center was closed following the defeat of an operations levy. The Center is now operated as public-private partnership.

- **Forks Visitor Center & Timber Museum** - established in 1984 and located at 1421 South Forks Avenue with a 2,000 square foot museum, 600 square foot covered pavilion, 620 square foot covered exhibit, 5,000 square foot covered equipment display area, and 1,500 square foot office building occupied by the Chamber of Commerce along with a fire lookout and grounds display, and the Forks Chamber of Commerce and Floyd M Thorton Nature Trail.
- **Rainforest Arts Center** - a 6,375 square foot facility located at 35 North Forks Avenue that was reopened in 2015 to include a small meeting room, a main hall with movable stage that can be used for a wide variety of events including concerts, films, theater productions, wedding receptions, a commercial kitchen, and a 1,000-foot commercial space in the south-east corner of the building.

Other park facilities

- **DNR Reade Hill Trailhead** - access from US-101 next to the Forks Visitor Center & Timber Museum to hiking and horse trails to DNR forest lands on Reade Hill.
- **Quillayute Valley School District** - located at 411 Spartan Avenue has recreational facilities located behind the school buildings between Elderberry Avenue and East E Street including a 30,000 square foot gymnasium, a lighted grass football field with rubber surface track, field fixtures, and grandstands, and a 150x350 foot grass, 230x360 foot grass, and 230x240 grass multipurpose fields s.
- **Duncan Fields** - located at 410 West E Street includes a 180-foot grass baseball field, and two 200-foot grass baseball fields along with bleachers, announcers, concessions, and restroom, and Tod Horton Memorial "On-Deck" playground.
- **Sunset Lanes** - a 6,250 square foot bowling alley located at 261 East E Street.



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Goals and policies

PARK GOAL 1 - Develop and maintain a system of open space, park, and recreation facilities that is attractive, functional, and accessible to all residents.

PARK Policy 1.1 - Continue to use outdoor school recreation facilities in cooperation with Quillayute Valley School District.

PARK Policy 1.2 - Acquire additional park spaces as they become available and are needed to support additional residential development.

PARK Policy 1.3 - Expand and develop park sites and establish a method of financing for expansions and development.

PARK Policy 1.4 - Improve public access and connection to park and open space areas with sidewalks, paths, and trails for walking and biking.

PARK Policy 1.5 - Design, develop, and maintain park, open space, and recreation facilities with sensitivity and respect for natural systems retaining significant trees and vegetation in the natural state.