

APPENDIX B: PARKS AND FACILITIES PROVIDED BY OTHERS

Although the City of Medford is the major provider of parks, open space, and recreation opportunities in the Medford Planning Area, other providers also contribute to this inventory. Jackson County, the State of Oregon, the Medford School District, the Phoenix/Talent School District, and several private schools and clubs offer additional recreation opportunities. Parks and facilities provided by these public and private entities are summarized in this section.

B.1 BEAR CREEK GREENWAY PROVIDERS

The Bear Creek Greenway is owned by several jurisdictions within the Medford Planning Area. While some acreage is privately owned, most is provided by government agencies. Table B-1 shows Bear Creek Greenway acreage that is owned by a government agency other than the City.



Table B-1
Summary of Bear Creek Greenway Providers
 Medford Planning Area

Bear Creek Greenway Providers	Acres	Activity/Facility
Jackson County	116.00	Greenway, path
State of Oregon	82.00	Greenway, path
Urban Renewal	1.8	Greenway, path
Rogue River Irrigation District	0.6	Greenway, path
TOTAL	200.4	

B.2 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

In most communities, schools are an important source of recreation facilities, such as sport fields, playgrounds, and gymnasiums. In Medford, the relationship between parks and public schools has been clearly established. The City of Medford has long term lease agreements with the Medford School District and the Phoenix/Talent School District, which has created a special partnership with the Parks & Recreation Department in providing park land and developing park sites. Of 16 schools in Medford, 12 are designated park sites called school parks. These sites include:

- **Leased sites:** The school district leases school property to the City for \$1 for the entire lease period. The Parks & Recreation Department is responsible for maintenance and any improvements to the leased sites. The school districts are responsible for water and sewer payments. Most school parks are leased sites.
- **Adjacent sites:** The City of Medford owns a park site adjacent to school grounds, but does not lease any additional school property. Howard School Park is an example of an adjacent site.
- **Combination sites:** The school district and the City own property near a school that has been developed together as a park. The school district leases its parcel to the City. Three school parks are combination sites.



Together, school parks provide 11 neighborhood parks and one community park. Due to their joint-use as school and park sites, daytime access to school facilities is limited when school is in session.

Table B-2 summarizes existing public school facilities, indicating the acreage made available to the City through lease agreements. Four school sites currently do not have lease agreements with the City. Some of these school sites, such as the two middle schools and one high school, have been removed or were never included in lease agreements so that the School District would have greater control over those sites. However, the City and other providers of organized sports have been able to schedule with the School District in order to use sport fields and facilities and un-leased sites.

Except one, listed sites belong to Medford School District 549C. Orchard Hill Elementary is part of the Phoenix/Talent School District.

Table B-2
Summary of Existing Public School Facilities
 Medford Planning Area

School Facility	City-Owned Acreage	City-Leased Acreage
Elementary Schools		
Abe Lincoln Elementary/Delta Waters Park	0	13.26
Hoover Elementary School	0	3.85
Howard Elementary School	8.55	
Jackson Elementary School	5.78	3.66
Jefferson Elementary School	0	8.45
Kennedy Elementary School	7.39	5.57
Lone Pine Elementary School	5.68	4.14
Oak Grove Elementary School	N/A	N/A
Orchard Hill Elementary School	0	3.00
Roosevelt Elementary School	0	2.78
Washington Elementary School	0	4.56
Wilson Elementary School	0	7.82
Middle Schools		
Hedrick Middle School	N/A	N/A
McLoughlin Middle School	N/A	N/A
High Schools		
North Medford High School	0	17.80
South Medford High School	N/A	N/A
Total	27.40	74.89



B.3 PRIVATE SCHOOL FACILITIES

Private schools in the Medford area provide recreation opportunities as well. These schools are listed in Table B-3. Due to the private nature of these schools, access may be limited. St. Mary’s High School has small facilities that are primarily reserved for school use. However, some private providers, such as Manny Crump (basketball) and the Rogue Valley Soccer Club use some space at the school for sports.

Table B-3
Summary of Existing Private School Facilities
 Medford Planning Area

Private School Facility
Elementary/Middle Schools
Grace Christian
Harvest Baptist Christian
New Dimension Christian
Rogue River Adventist
Sacred Heart Catholic
High Schools
St. Mary’s High School

B.4 PRIVATE PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Listed on the next page are privately-owned indoor and outdoor recreation facilities in the Medford Planning Area. These facilities provide recreational opportunities for profit. Consequently, they are affordable to a limited number of Medford residents. Club memberships limit who can participate at these recreation facilities.

Table B-4
Summary of Private Recreation Facilities
 Medford Planning Area

Recreation Facilities	Activity/Facility
America's Best Kids Sport Center	Gymnasium, dance studio, karate studio. Under construction: pool, climbing wall.
Bear Creek Golf Course	Golf course (9 holes), driving range
Cascade Pool	Swimming pool
Cedar Links Golf Club	Golf course (18 holes), driving range
Curves	Fitness area
Flex Fitness	Weight room, fitness area
Gold's Gym	Weight room, fitness area
Lady Fitness	Weight room, fitness area
Lava Lanes Bowling Center	Bowling lanes
Powerhouse Gym	Weight room, fitness and martial arts studio
Rogue Valley School of Gymnastics	Gymnasium
Rogue Valley Country Club	Golf course, swimming pool
Rogue Valley Family YMCA	Pool (25-yard, 8-lane), weight room, gym, racquetball courts (3), climbing wall, fitness area
Rogue Valley School of Gymnastics	Gymnasium
Rogue Valley Swim and Tennis Club	Indoor tennis courts (5), outdoor tennis courts (3), outdoor pool, weight room, fitness area
Roller Odyssey	Roller skating rink
Roxy Ann Lanes	Bowling lanes
Slender Lady	Fitness area
Southern Oregon Tennis Club	Indoor tennis courts (4), outdoor courts (2)
Stewart Meadows Golf Course	Golf course (9 holes), driving range
Superior Athletic Club	Weight room, fitness area, swimming pool
24-hour Fitness	Weight room, fitness area, lap pool, basketball courts
Waterford Health & Fitness	Weight room, fitness area, pool (20-m, 4 lanes)
Women's Fitness Company	Weight room, fitness area



B.5 ADDITIONAL PARK LAND RESOURCES

In addition to the aforementioned sites within the Medford planning area, City residents are served by other parks, recreation, and open space areas beyond the planning area boundary. This section describes nearby recreational resources, located within 12 miles of Medford, and other significant recreational opportunities throughout the region.

Nearby Recreational Resources

Medford has several other parks, recreation, and open space areas located just beyond the planning area boundary. Providers of these facilities include the following:

- **Jackson County (JC):** Jackson County's Expo Park is home to the Jackson County Fair. The fairgrounds are used 365 days a year by community groups, private promoters, and organizations that plan special events and private functions. Facilities include the 57,600 sf Compton Arena, the 7,381 sf Padgham Pavilion, the covered Isola Arena, along with livestock barns, horse stalls, a sale pavilion, and lawn areas. An amphitheater is a new addition to the park.
- **Central Point (CP):** The City of Central Point, contiguous on the northwest edge of Medford, has 7 parks totaling 20.43 acres. Facilities at these sites include play equipment, basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic areas, gazebos, and a stage. Since they are small, these parks have a local service area, although they may draw visitors from the northwest quadrant of Medford.
- **Phoenix (P):** The City of Phoenix, located approximately four miles south of Medford, has 35 acres of land devoted to parks. Facilities at their three parks include playgrounds, a softball field, concession stand, picnic area, community garden, nature paths, wetland observation platforms, and support facilities such as restrooms and parking. Colver Road Park and City Hall Park have local service areas, which would not likely attract Medford residents. However, the 24-acre Blue Heron Park is connected to Medford via an extension to the Bear Creek Greenway Trail.

- **Talent (T):** The City of Talent, located approximately seven miles south of Medford, manages 17.29 acres as parks and recreation facilities. The facilities for these 6 parks include playgrounds, sports fields, picnic areas and shelters, trails, and support facilities, such as restrooms and parking. Most of these parks have a local service area. However, the newly renovated Downtown Park has a multi-use facility for skateboarders, in-line skaters, and BMX bikers that may attract Medford users. Also, Lyn Newbry Park will be connected to Medford via the Bear Creek Greenway Trail.
- **Bear Creek Greenway Foundation:** The Bear Creek Greenway is a narrow corridor (600 acres) of public-owned land that follows the Bear Creek streambed from Ashland to Central Point. Progress is continuing to develop a continuous 19-mile path from Oak Street in Ashland to the Seven Oaks Interchange in Central Point, connecting five communities and several parks. The Foundation helps fund development of the trail.
- **Oregon State Parks (OSP):** Touvelle State Recreation Site, 9 miles north of Medford, provides water-based recreation opportunities on the Rogue River. Touvelle is a popular site locally for picnicking, boating, swimming, and fishing. Next to the park, Denman Wildlife Refuge and teems with local and migratory wildlife. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks Rainbow trout in this section of the river.
- **Bureau of Land Management/Nature Conservancy (BLM/NC):** The Upper and Lower Table Rocks are an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) co-managed by the BLM and the Nature Conservancy. They are located approximately 12 miles north of Medford. The Nature Conservancy manages about 3000 acres of Lower Table Rocks, and the BLM manages 1280 acres on Upper and Lower Table Rocks. The area provides outstanding opportunities for hiking and environmental education.
- **Private Providers (Priv):** Several privately-owned recreation facilities are located near Medford. For example, the Rogue Valley Family Fun Center, located near the Jackson County Expo Park, offers a variety of active recreation opportunities. Several privately-owned golf courses are located near Medford as well.



Table B-5 contains a synopsis of nearby recreational resources. These facilities are located within 12 miles of the Medford Planning Area and may provide service to City residents.

Table B-5
Summary of Nearby Recreation Resources
 Medford Vicinity (Radius 12 miles)

Recreation Area	Provider	Activity/Facility
Blue Heron Park	P	Playground, community garden, nature paths, observation platforms. Under construction: gazebo, community center, amphitheater, basketball and tennis courts
Don Jones Park	CP	In development
Downtown Park	T	Skatepark, BMX facility, shelter
Flanagan Park	CP	Picnic tables, gazebo, playground, tennis courts.
Forest Glen Park	CP	Picnic tables, playground, basketball courts
Jackson County Expo Park	JC	Fairgrounds, reservable pavilions and arenas, amphitheater
Lyn Newbry Park	T	Playground, restrooms, path
Menteer Park	CP	Picnic area, playground, basketball courts
Pfaff Park	CP	Restrooms, picnic area, gazebo, playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, stage
Rogue Valley Family Fun Center	Priv	Miniature golf (2), driving range, batting cages, bumper boats, go-carts.
Table Rocks	BLM/NC	Trails, interpretative signs, vault toilets
TouVelle Park	OSP	Picnic area, fishing area, boating area, trails, viewing area
Van Horn Park	CP	Picnic tables, gazebo, playground, tennis courts, basketball courts

Additional Recreational Resources



The Rogue River Valley and surrounding mountains provide many recreational opportunities. Providers of these resources include:

- **Jackson County (JC):** Jackson County has ten parks, offering diverse recreational opportunities. Facilities include a multi-use sports park, RV parks, campgrounds, cabin rentals, meeting space and facility rentals, picnic areas, gardens, boat launches, boat rentals, fishing platforms, swimming areas, a water slide, trails, and playgrounds.

- **Oregon State Parks (OSP):** Seven state parks and recreation sites are located in the Medford vicinity. These include day-use sites, waysides, campgrounds, scenic viewpoints, and state heritage sites. These diverse sites provide recreational opportunities for picnicking, fishing, boating, swimming, bicycling, hiking, bird and wildlife watching, and cultural and environmental interpretation.
- **Bureau of Land Management (BLM):** The BLM has a number of campgrounds, day use areas, trails, and snow parks within their Medford District. Some sites have specific functions, such as hiking trails. Some sites, such as the Hyatt Lake Recreation Complex, provide many different recreation opportunities, such as camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, etc.
- **U.S. Forest Service (USFS):** The Rogue River National Forest has four ranger districts to the east and south of Medford. USFS recreation areas include recreation sites, trails, scenic drives, rafting, cabins and lookouts, winter recreation areas, and wilderness areas. Around Applegate Reservoir alone, there are nine campgrounds, two trailheads, and a viewpoint, which encompass facilities for picnicking, boating, swimming, hiking, etc.
- **Jacksonville Woodland Associations (JWA):** The non-profit Jacksonville Woodlands Association has preserved 20 parcels of forested open space and has constructed eight miles of connecting interpretive and recreational trails surrounding 70% of Jacksonville's historic district.
- **National Park Service (NPS):** Crater Lake National Park and Oregon Caves National Monument provide excellent day-trips from Medford.
- **Private Providers (Priv):** Many types of recreational opportunities in the region are provided by private providers. Regional attractions include the Mt. Ashland Ski and Snowboard Resort.

Significant recreational sites within 75 miles of Medford are summarized in Table B-6.

Table B-6
Summary of Existing Facilities
 Medford Vicinity (Radius 75 miles)

Recreation Area	Provider	Activity/Facility
Ben Hur Lampman Park	OSP	Picnic area, fishing area
Britt Gardens	JC	Outdoor concerts
Buck Prairie	BLM	Winter recreation area, cross-county ski trails
Cantrall-Buckley Park	JC	Group picnic areas, camping, river frontage
Casey Park	OSP	Picnic area, fishing area and boating area
Crater Lake	NPS	Lodge, visitor center, trails, parking area
Dodge Bridge Park	JC	Fishing area
Emigrant Lake		Group picnic area, camping, lake, waterslides, ballfields, volleyball courts, swimming area, concession building.
Fish Lake	USFS	Fishing area, boating
Gold Nugget Recreation Site	BLM	Picnic area, trails, fishing
Hart-Tish	USFS	Campground, picnic area, trailhead, marina, swimming area
Howard Prairie Park	JC	Fishing area, camping, boating
Hyatt Lake Recreation Complex	BLM	Camping area, picnic area, hiking trails, horse trails, boating area, fishing, swimming area, playground, winter recreation area
Jacksonville Woodlands	JWA	Nature park, interpretative trails
Joseph Stewart Park	OSP	Camping area, fishing area, picnic area, swimming area, trails and boating area
Kenney Meadows	BLM	Playground, picnic area, swimming area
Lake of the Woods	USFS	Fishing areas, boating area, picnic area, trail
Little Hyatt Lake	BLM	Swimming area, fishing
Mount Ashland	USFS, Priv	Ski lifts, trails, parking
Oregon Caves	NPS	Lodge, visitor center, trails, parking area
Prospect Park	OSP	Picnic area, trails
Rogue Elk Park	JC	Camping area
Sports Park	JC	Softball fields (10), drag racing area, go-kart area, shooting ranges
Sterling Mine Ditch Trail	BLM	Hiking trail, horse trail
Takelma Park	JC	Fishing area
Tub Springs Park	OSP	Picnic area
Upper Rogue Regional Park	JC	Retreat area, camping, boating area, picnic area, fishing area
Valley of the Rogue	OSP	Camping area, fishing area, picnic area, swimming area, trails, boating area
Wildcat	BLM	Camping area, fishing area, boating area, trails
Willow Lake Park	JC	Camping area, picnic area, cabins, marina, trails