

The 150 Largest City Parks

These are the largest parks located within the limits of a U.S. city. Most are owned by the municipality, but some are owned by a state, a county, a regional agency or the federal government. If a park extends beyond the boundary of the city, only the acreage within the city is noted here.



Key: (M): Municipally Owned Park (R): Regional Park
 (S): State Park (NP): National Park
 (C): County Park (NWR): National Wildlife Refuge

Rank	Park Name	Type	Acres	City
1	Chugach State Park	S	490,125	Anchorage, Alaska
2	Franklin Mountains State Park	S	25,631	El Paso, Tex.
3	Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge	NWR	24,293	New Orleans, La.
4	South Mountain Preserve	M	16,094	Phoenix, Ariz.
5	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	M	16,000	Scottsdale, Ariz.
6	Cullen Park	M	9,270	Houston, Tex.
7	Topanga State Park (part)	S	8,960	Los Angeles, Calif.
8	Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	NP	7,870	Jacksonville, Fla.
9	George Bush Park	C	7,800	Houston, Tex.
10	North Mountain Preserve	M	7,500	Phoenix, Ariz.
11	Gateway National Recreation Area (part)	NP	7,138	New York, N.Y.
12	Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (part)	NWR	6,800	San Jose, Calif.
13	Jefferson Memorial Forest	M	6,013	Louisville, Ky.
14	Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge (part)	NWR	6,000	Eufaula, Ala.
15	Mission Trail	M	5,840	San Diego, Calif.
16	William B. Umstead State Park	S	5,579	Raleigh, N.C.
17	Cecil Field Greenway	M	5,366	Jacksonville, Fla.
18	Ahupua'a O Kahana State Park	S	5,229	Honolulu, Hawaii
19	Forest Park	M	5,157	Portland, Ore.
20	Eagle Creek Park and Golf Course	M	4,766	Indianapolis, Ind.
21	Far North Bicentennial Park	M	4,500	Anchorage, Alaska
22	Griffith Park	M	4,217	Los Angeles, Calif.
23	Fairmount Park - Wissahickon Valley	M	4,167	Philadelphia, Pa.
24	Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve	S	3,896	Jacksonville, Fla.
25	Walter E. Long Park	M	3,715	Austin, Tex.
26	Bidwell Park	M	3,670	Chico, Calif.
27	Fort Worth Nature Center/Wildlife Refuge	M	3,662	Fort Worth, Tex.
28	Mountain Creek Lake Park	M	3,643	Dallas, Tex.
29	Bays Mountain Park	M	3,585	Kingsport, Tenn.

30	False Cape State Park and Natural Area Preserve	S	3,572	Virginia Beach, Va.
31	Bonita Lakes Park	M	3,462	Meridian, Miss.
32	North Landing River State Natural Area Preserve	S	3,440	Virginia Beach, Va.
33	First Landing State Park	S	3,410	Virginia Beach, Va.
34	Shelby Farms Park	C	3,200	Memphis, Tenn.
35	Trinity River Park	M	3,173	Dallas, Tex.
36	Mohawk Park and Golf Course	M	3,100	Tulsa, Okla.
37	Brecksville Reservation (part)	R	3,026	Brecksville, Ohio
38	Pelham Bay Park	M	2,765	New York, N.Y.
39	Newport News Park (part)	M	2,688	Newport News, Va.
40	Otter Creek Park	M	2,600	Louisville, Ky.
41	Los Penasquitos Canyon	M	2,405	San Diego, Calif.
42	Longview Lake Park (part)	C	2,381	Kansas City, Mo.
43	Blue River Parkway	C	2,319	Kansas City, Mo.
44	Mill Stream Run Reservation (part)	R	2,238	Strongsville, Ohio.
45	Fleming Park (part)	C	2,229	Lee's Summit, Mo.
46	Steele Creek Park	M	2,224	Bristol, Tenn.
47	Bear Creek Pioneers Park	C	2,168	Houston, Tex.
48	Tilden Park	M	2,077	Berkeley, Calif.
49	Percy Warner Park	M	2,058	Nashville, Tenn.
50	Cheyenne Mountain State Park	S	2,040	Colorado Springs, Colo.
51	Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area	M	2,031	Los Angeles, Calif.
52	Galveston Island State Park	S	2,013	Galveston, Tex.
53	Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area	R	1,973	Portland, Ore.
54	White Rock Lake Park	M	1,952	Dallas, Tex.
55	Swope Park	M	1,805	Kansas City, Mo.
56	Torrey Pines State Reserve	S	1,800	San Diego, Calif.
57	Calero County Park	C	1,782	San Jose, Calif.
58	Greenbelt Park	M	1,778	New York, N.Y.
59	Barton Creek Greenway	M	1,771	Austin, Tex.
60	Little Talbot Island State Park	S	1,768	Jacksonville, Fla.
61	Mission Bay Park	M	1,756	San Diego, Calif.
62	Rock Creek Park (part)	NP	1,754	Washington, D.C.
63	Tijuana River Valley Regional Park	C	1,720	San Diego, Calif.
64	Big Talbot Island State Park	S	1,708	Jacksonville, Fla.
65	Adobe Dam Recreation Area	C	1,642	Phoenix, Ariz.
66	Fort Harrison State Park	S	1,640	Lawrence, Ind.
67	Lake Leatherwood Park	M	1,620	Eureka Springs, Ark.
68	Pennypack Park	M	1,618	Philadelphia, Pa.
69	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	M	1,589	Claremont, Calif.
70	Burns Park	M	1,575	North Little Rock, Ark.
71	Hidden Valley Wildlife Area	R	1,510	Riverside, Calif.
72	Water Works Park	M	1,500	Des Moines, Iowa
73	Beaman Park	M	1,493	Nashville, Tenn.

74	The Presidio	NP	1,491	San Francisco, Calif.
75	Wilderness Park	M	1,472	Lincoln, Neb.
76	Mt. Airy Forest	M	1,471	Cincinnati, Ohio
77	Glenn Cunningham Lake	M	1,439	Omaha, Neb.
78	Hansen Dam Recreation Center	M	1,437	Los Angeles, Calif.
79	Stumpy Lake Park	M	1,435	Virginia Beach, Va.
80	Memorial Park	M	1,431	Houston, Tex.
81	Longview Lake Park (part)	C	1,429	Lee's Summit, Mo.
82	Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park	M	1,424	Riverside, Calif.
83	Kincaid Park	M	1,411	Anchorage, Alaska
84	Rancho Diana	M	1,392	San Antonio, Tex.
85	Sacred Falls State Park	S	1,374	Honolulu, Hawaii
86	Garden of the Gods Park	M	1,319	Colorado Springs, Colo.
87	City Park	M	1,300	New Orleans, La.
88	Forest Park	M	1,293	St. Louis, Mo.
89	Black Mountain Park	M	1,284	San Diego, Calif.
90	Cherokee Park	M	1,282	Madison, Wis.
91	North Cheyenne Canyon Park	M	1,260	Colorado Springs, Colo.
92	Flushing Meadows/Corona Park	M	1,255	New York, N.Y.
93	Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline Park	R	1,220	Oakland, Calif.
94	Lincoln Park	M	1,216	Chicago, Ill.
95	Anacostia Park	NP	1,215	Washington, D.C.
96	Cave Buttes Recreation Area I & II	M	1,200	Phoenix, Ariz.
96	Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park	M	1,200	Baltimore, Md.
98	Liberty State Park	S	1,188	Jersey City, N.J.
99	Thunderbird Conservation Park	M	1,185	Glendale, Ariz.
100	McClay Gardens State Park	S	1,179	Tallahassee, Fla.
101	Three Creeks Parks	M	1,156	Columbus, Ohio.
102	Van Cortlandt Park	M	1,146	New York, N.Y.
103	Red Mountain Park	M	1,144	Mesa, Ariz.
104	Pioneers Park	M	1,139	Lincoln, Neb.
105	T.O. Fuller State Park	S	1,138	Memphis, Tenn.
106	Emma Long Park	M	1,137	Austin, Tex.
107	Rouge Park	M	1,100	Detroit, Mich.
108	Balboa Park	M	1,091	San Diego, Calif.
109	Bedford Reservation (part)	R	1,033	Bedford, Ohio
110	Rochester Park	M	1,032	Dallas, Tex.
111	River Legacy Park	M	1,031	Arlington, Tex.
112	Golden Gate Park	M	1,027	San Francisco, Calif.
113	Olmos Basin	M	1,010	San Antonio, Tex.
114	North Chagrin Reservation (part)	R	1,004	Willoughby Hills, Ohio
115	Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge	M	988	Oklahoma City, Okla.
116	Richmond Parkway	M	984	New York, N.Y.
117	Belle Isle Park	M	982	Detroit, Mich.

118	Bryan Park	M	980 Greensboro, N.C.
119	Anderson Lake County Park	C	975 San Jose, Calif.
120	Riverfront Park	M	955 Kansas City, Mo.
121	Longview Lake Park (part)	C	952 Grandview, Mo.
122	Koko Head Regional Park	R	951 Honolulu, Hawaii
123	Eisenhower Park	C	930 East Meadow, N.Y.
124	Bedford Reservation (part)	R	924 Walton Hills, Ohio
125	Hubbard Park (part)	M	902 Meriden, Conn.
126	Hubbard Park (part)	M	901 Berlin, Conn.
127	San Diego National Wildlife Refuge Complex	NWR	900 San Diego, Calif.
128	Papago Park	M	895 Phoenix, Ariz.
129	Lake Wheeler Park	M	866 Raleigh, N.C.
130	McAllister Park	M	856 San Antonio, Tex.
131	Reedy Creek Park & Nature Preserve	C	853 Charlotte, N.C.
132	El Dorado Park	M	850 Long Beach, Calif.
133	Delaware Park	M	846 Buffalo, N.Y.
134	Central Park	M	840 New York, N.Y.
135	San Antonio Missions National Historical Park	NP	835 San Antonio, Tex.
136	Scripps Miramar Open Space	M	822 San Diego, Calif.
137	San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Park	S	820 La Porte, Tex.
138	Tierrasanta Open Space	M	818 San Diego, Calif.
139	William T. Davis Wildlife Refuge	M	814 New York, N.Y.
140	Shelby Bottoms	M	810 Nashville, Tenn.
141	Bell's Bend Park	M	809 Nashville, Tenn.
142	Mill Creek Park (part)	M	802 Youngstown, Ohio
143	Oak Point Park	M	801 Plano, Tex.
143	Robert H. Hodge Park	M	801 Kansas City, Mo.
145	Tres Rios	M	800 Phoenix, Ariz.
146	Gerritsen Beach (Marine Park)	M	798 New York, N.Y.
147	Hamilton Creek Park	M	790 Nashville, Tenn.
148	Cobb's Creek Park	M	786 Philadelphia, Pa.
149	Sabre Springs Open Space	M	780 San Diego, Calif.
150	Ka'ena Point State Park	S	779 Honolulu, Hawaii

The Oldest City Parks

These are the 84 oldest U.S. city parks ranked chronologically. In the case of parks which were enlarged later, the date refers to the year of initial creation or acquisition. In the case of parks whose names have changed, the modern name is given. Of course, before the European invasion, there were hundreds of even older plazas, sports fields, ceremonial grounds and food preparation commons in such Native American communities as Cahokia, Cheektowaga, Tathlapotle and Taos Pueblo, but the pre-historical record does not yield dates of their establishment.



Rank	Park Name	City	Year Established
1	Plaza de la Constitución	St. Augustine, Fla.	1573
2	Boston Common	Boston, Mass.	1634
3	New Haven Green	New Haven, Conn.	1641
4	Washington/Marion Squares	Charleston, S.C.	1680
5	Rittenhouse/Washington/Logan/Franklin Squares	Philadelphia, Pa.	1682
6	Salem Common	Salem, Mass.	1685
7	Battery Park	New York, N.Y.	1686
8	Military/Washington Parks	Newark, N.J.	1697
9	Jackson Square	New Orleans, La.	1718
10	San Pedro Springs Park	San Antonio, Tex.	1729
11	Bowling Green	New York, N.Y.	1733
11	Johnson Square	Savannah, Ga.	1733
13	Old Town Plaza	Albuquerque, N.M.	1760
14	El Pueblo	Los Angeles, Calif.	1781
15	National Mall	Washington, D.C.	1790
16	Settlers Landing	Cleveland, Ohio	1796
17	Duane Street Park	New York, N.Y.	1797
18	Village Green Park	Worthington, Ohio	1803
19	Lafayette Square	Washington, D.C.	1804
20	River Common	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	1807
21	Gravois/Laclede/Mt. Pleasant Parks	St. Louis, Mo.	1812
22	Jackson Place Park	St. Louis, Mo.	1816
23	Auction Park	Memphis, Tenn.	1819
24	Santa Fe Plaza	Santa Fe, N.M.	1821
25	Washington Square	New York, N.Y.	1823
26	Patterson Park	Baltimore, Md.	1827
27	Union Square	New York, N.Y.	1832
28	Tompkins Square Park	New York, N.Y.	1833

29	Cathedral Square Park	Milwaukee, Wis.	1835
29	Van Vorst Park	Jersey City, N.J.	1835
31	Port Richmond Park	Staten Island, N.Y.	1836
32	Grant Park	Chicago, Ill.	1837
33	Lafayette Park	St. Louis, Mo.	1838
34	Daniel Carter Beard Memorial Square	Queens, N.Y.	1841
35	Chapman Park	Portland, Ore.	1843
36	Wyanda Park	Queens, N.Y.	1844
37	Thomas Square	Honolulu, Hawaii	1845
38	Madison Square Park/Reservoir Square (Bryant Park)	New York, N.Y.	1847
38	Portsmouth Square	San Francisco, Calif.	1847
38	Washington Park (Fort Greene Park)	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1847
41	Rice Park	St. Paul, Minn.	1849
41	Sutter Land Grants Park	Sacramento, Calif.	1849
43	Grand Circus Park	Detroit, Mich.	1850
43	Oakland Cemetery	Atlanta, Ga.	1850
43	Orton Park	Madison, Wis.	1850
43	Pantoja Park	San Diego, Calif.	1850
43	Union/Washington Squares	San Francisco, Calif.	1850
48	Goodale Park	Columbus, Ohio	1851
48	Monroe Park	Richmond, Va.	1851
50	Union Park	Chicago, Ill.	1853
51	Artesian Park	Corpus Christi, Tex.	1854
51	Bushnell Park	Hartford, Conn.	1854
51	City Park	New Orleans, La.	1854
51	Elm Park	Worcester, Mass.	1854
55	East Fairmount Park	Philadelphia, Pa.	1855
55	Esther Short Park	Vancouver, Wash.	1855
55	Washington Park	Cincinnati, Ohio	1855
58	Hemming Plaza	Jacksonville, Fla.	1857
58	Murphy Square	Minneapolis, Minn.	1857
60	Central Park	New York, N.Y.	1858
60	San Jacinto Plaza	El Paso, Tex.	1858
62	Druid Hill Park	Baltimore, Md.	1860
63	Miller Park	Lynchburg, Va.	1862
64	Old Fort Park	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1863
65	Pershing Square	Los Angeles, Calif.	1866
66	Allegheny Commons	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1867
66	Buena Vista Park	San Francisco, Calif.	1867
66	Cooper Park	Lincoln, Neb.	1867
66	The Ellipse	Washington, D.C.	1867
70	Balboa Park	San Diego, Calif.	1868
70	DeFremery Park	Oakland, Calif.	1868
70	Farragut/Franklin Squares	Washington, D.C.	1868

70	Prospect Park	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1868
74	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco, Calif.	1870
75	Acadia Park	Colorado Springs, Colo.	1871
75	Lenk's Park	Toledo, Ohio	1871
75	Savage Park	Toledo, Ohio	1871
78	Alum Rock	San Jose, Calif.	1872
78	Belle Isle	Detroit, Mich.	1872
78	Emancipation Park	Houston, Tex.	1872
78	Hanscom Park	Omaha, Neb.	1872
78	Riverside Park	New York, N.Y.	1872
83	Garfield Park	Indianapolis, Ind.	1873
83	Hyde Park	Fort Worth, Tex.	1873

The Most Visited City Parks



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Rank	Park	City	Annual Visitorship
1	Central Park	New York, N.Y.	25,000,000
2	Lincoln Park	Chicago, Ill.	20,000,000
3	Mission Bay Park	San Diego, Calif.	16,000,000
4	Balboa Park	San Diego, Calif.	14,000,000
5	Golden Gate Park	San Francisco, Calif.	13,000,000
6	Forest Park	St. Louis, Mo.	12,000,000
6	Griffith Park	Los Angeles, Calif.	12,000,000
8	Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk	New York, N.Y.	10,600,000
9	Fairmount Park	Philadelphia, Pa.	10,000,000
9	The National Mall	Washington, D.C.	10,000,000
11	Cleveland Lakefront State Park	Cleveland, Ohio	8,431,000
12	Prospect Park	New York, N.Y.	8,000,000
13	Fair Park	Dallas, Tex.	5,585,730
14	Liberty State Park	Jersey City, N.J.	5,326,978
15	Hermann Park	Houston, Tex.	5,200,000
16	Chain of Lakes Regional Park	Minneapolis, Minn.	5,115,200
17	City Park	New Orleans, La.	5,000,000
17	Old Sacramento State Park	Sacramento, Calif.	5,000,000
17	The Presidio	San Francisco, Calif.	5,000,000
20	Independence National Historical Park	Philadelphia, Pa.	3,998,309
21	Bryant Park	New York, N.Y.	3,800,000
22	Green Lake Park	Seattle, Wash.	3,650,000
23	Piedmont Park	Atlanta, Ga.	3,500,000
24	White River State Park	Indianapolis, Ind.	3,300,000
25	Memorial Park	Houston, Tex.	3,246,000
26	Centennial Olympic Park	Atlanta, Ga.	3,200,000
27	Battery Park	New York, N.Y.	3,000,000
27	Belle Isle Park	Detroit, Mich.	3,000,000
27	Como Park	St. Paul, Minn.	3,000,000
27	White River Greenway	Indianapolis, Ind.	3,000,000
31	Riverside Park	New York, N.Y.	2,800,000
32	Drew Field	Jacksonville, Fla.	2,500,000
32	Millennium Park	Chicago, Ill.	2,500,000
34	Jefferson National Expansion Memorial	St. Louis, Mo.	2,360,109
35	Rockaway Beach and Boardwalk	New York, N.Y.	2,300,000
36	Lake Harriet Park/Lyndale Park	Minneapolis, Minn.	2,250,000
37	Boston National Historical Park	Boston, Mass.	2,155,026
38	Boston Common	Boston, Mass.	2,000,000
38	City Park	Denver, Colo.	2,000,000
38	Garden of the Gods Park	Colorado Springs, Colo.	2,000,000
38	Lyon Park	St. Louis, Mo.	2,000,000
38	Rock Creek Park	Washington, D.C.	2,000,000
43	Swope Park	Kansas City, Mo.	1,850,000
44	Delaware Park	Buffalo, N.Y.	1,800,000

45	San Antonio Missions National Historical Park	San Antonio, Tex.	1,765,548
46	First Landing State Park	Virginia Beach, Va.	1,762,464
47	Schenley Park and Plaza	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,750,000
48	Encanto Park	Phoenix, Ariz.	1,500,000
48	Louisville Waterfront Park	Louisville, Ky.	1,500,000
48	Park at Lady Bird Lake	Austin, Tex.	1,500,000
48	Point State Park	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,500,000
48	Trinity Park	Fort Worth, Tex.	1,500,000
53	Country/Jaycee Park	Greensboro, N.C.	1,444,286
54	Timucuan Ecological & Historic Preserve	Jacksonville, Fla.	1,318,872
55	Balloon Fiesta Park	Albuquerque, N.M.	1,300,000
56	Chugach State Park	Anchorage, Alaska	1,200,000
56	Monon Greenway	Indianapolis, Ind.	1,200,000
58	The Esplanade	Boston, Mass.	1,100,000
59	Centennial Park	Santa Ana, Calif.	1,040,000
60	Burke-Gilman Trail	Seattle, Wash.	1,000,000
60	Bushnell Park	Hartford, Conn.	1,000,000
60	Centennial Park	Nashville, Tenn.	1,000,000
60	Longview Lake Park	Kansas City, Mo.	1,000,000
60	Myriad Gardens	Oklahoma City, Okla.	1,000,000
60	Overton Park	Memphis, Tenn.	1,000,000
60	San Antonio Riverwalk	San Antonio, Tex.	1,000,000
60	Tower Grove Park	St. Louis, Mo.	1,000,000
68	Nu'uuanu Pali State Wayside	Honolulu, Hawaii	905,300
69	T.O. Fuller State Park	Memphis, Tenn.	856,338
70	McCormick-Stillman Park	Scottsdale, Ariz.	850,000
71	Cabrillo National Monument	San Diego, Calif.	822,447
72	Park Road Park	Charlotte, N.C.	815,980
73	Audubon Park	New Orleans, La.	770,000
74	Al Lopez (Horizon) Park	Tampa, Fla.	750,000
74	Franke Park	Fort Wayne, Ind.	750,000
74	Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site	Atlanta, Ga.	750,000
77	Mount Trashmore Park	Virginia Beach, Va.	715,005
78	Land Park	Sacramento, Calif.	709,597
79	Randall's Island	New York, N.Y.	700,000
80	Fort McHenry National Monument	Baltimore, Md.	660,589
81	Eagle Creek Park	Indianapolis, Ind.	635,206
82	Diamond Head State Monument	Honolulu, Hawaii	634,300
83	El Dorado Park	Long Beach, Calif.	625,000
84	Ottawa Park	Toledo, Ohio	600,000
84	Woodward Park	Fresno, Calif.	600,000
86	William B. Umstead State Park	Raleigh, N.C.	595,424
87	Lewis and Clark Landing	Omaha, Neb.	587,399
88	Hermann Square	Houston, Tex.	584,000
89	William W. Powers State Recreation Area	Chicago, Ill.	575,000
90	Fairmount Park	Riverside, Calif.	552,500
91	Pioneers Park	Lincoln, Neb.	550,000
92	Pullen Park	Raleigh, N.C.	540,000
93	Tranquility Park	Houston, Tex.	517,000
94	Cherokee Park	Louisville, Ky.	500,000

94	Meridian Hill Park	Washington, D.C.	500,000
94	Mohawk Park	Tulsa, Okla.	500,000
94	Riverside Park - Central	Wichita, Kan.	500,000
94	Seneca Park	Louisville, Ky.	500,000
94	Shelby Farms Park	Memphis, Tenn.	500,000
94	Warner Park	Madison, Wis.	500,000
101	Sawyer Point	Cincinnati, Ohio	441,837
102	Adobe Dam Recreation Area	Phoenix, Ariz.	438,310
103	Bayfront Park	Miami, Fla.	433,362
104	Town Square	Anchorage, Alaska	425,000