

## Parks



The City of Kenai's Parks & Recreation areas have many things to offer, including beautiful views, spacious green areas for gatherings, and sports of all kinds. If you are looking to become more involved in your community and connect with the environment, check out a few of our volunteer programs below. If gardening is something you're more interested in, take a look at our [beautification page](#) <sup>[1]</sup>.

**We do not allow overnight camping in our parks or open spaces without a permit from the City.**

There is camping on both north and south beaches during the dip net fishery in designated areas; fees apply.

### Park Reservations

The Parks & Recreation department maintains 11 designated parks within the City, six of which have reservable shelters with charcoal grills. These are great for summer gatherings, birthday parties, special events, or company parties. We also have two gazebos that are available to reserve for weddings or memorial services. The fee to reserve any of these shelters is \$15 plus tax with a \$50 deposit. The fee to reserve the gazebo and Leif Hansen Memorial Park is \$20 plus tax with a \$200 deposit. The deposits will be returned in the form of a check to the address provided on our reservation form. Please allow up to three weeks after the date of your reservation to receive your refund. In the event of damage and/or necessary cleanup after your reservation, a portion of the deposit or the full deposit, may **not** be refunded.

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## Park Areas

## [Beaver Creek Park](#) [2]

Physical Location: 6031 Kenai Spur Highway

Amenities:

- Boardwalk
- Park Benches
- Picnic Table
- Restroom
- Kenai River Access
- Bank Fishing

Description: This is a small neighborhood park located adjacent to the Kenai Spur Highway and is just a short walk away from Beaver Creek. It is located approximately mid-way between Kenai and Soldotna.

**Overnight camping is prohibited and parking is limited.**

## [Cunningham Park](#) [3]

Physical Location: 2432 Beaver Loop Rd.



Site Amenities:

- Boardwalk
- Park Bench
- Picnic Table
- Restroom
- Kenai River Access
- Bank Fishing

Description: This is one of the few areas in the Lower Kenai River providing public access for bank fishing. This particular park is a popular fishing destination particularly in the fall during the silver salmon season, for both locals and tourists alike. This site provides a great example of a bank restoration project similar to those occurring in other sections of the river by responsible property owners. **Overnight camping is prohibited and parking is limited.**

## [Daubenspeck Family Park](#)<sup>[4]</sup>- Under Development

Physical Location: 296 Marathon Road

Amenities:

- Off Street Parking
- Restroom Facility
- [Covered Picnic Shelters](#) <sup>[5]</sup> \*Reservable
- Charcoal Grills
- Beach/Swimming Arrea
- Horseshoe Pit
- Picnic Tables
- Winter Ice Skating
- Ramp to Water
- Dog Retrieval Area
- Trails
- Dumpster (Seasonal)

Description: This particular park has many unique features including an area that may be used for training water dogs, swimming, ice skaing during the winter months, and there is a newly developed trail system for walking or cross-country skiing. All of our amenities make this park a perfect destination for gatherings, and there are more great things to come, as this park is still under development. Stay tuned! **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Erik Hansen Scout Park](#) <sup>[6]</sup>

Physical Location: 913 Mission Ave.

Site Amenities:

- Lookout Benches
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Boy Scout Memorial Statue

- Interpretive Displays
- Two Gardens
- Viewing Telescope

Description: This is a small community park containing a bronze statue of a Boy Scout overlooking the Cook Inlet with a memorial plaque attached to the base. Interpretive displays point out many of the

physical features of the beautiful landscape. This park also includes ornamental trees, shrub beds, two flower gardens, and a gravel walkway leading to the bluff's edge. This is a great place to sit, relax, watch birds or enjoy the extensive views of the lower Cook Inlet, tidal lands and mouth of the Kenai River.

**Thirty minute parking is enforced during the month of July and overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Fourth Avenue Park](#) [7]



Physical Location: 1108 Fourth Avenue

Site Amenities:

- Playground Area
- Basketball Court
- Grass Field with Backstop
- [Covered Picnic Shelter](#) [5] \*reservable
- Charcoal Grill
- Portable Restroom (seasonal)

Description: This neighborhood park has a large open turf area suitable for throwing a frisbee, playing baseball, or other activities which require space. The covered shelter and barbeque also make this a great place for parties or gatherings. This park is adjacent to a residential area so park users are asked to display respect for surrounding property owners. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Kenai Beach](#) [8]

Physical Location: 600 South Spruce Street

Site Amenities:

- Permanent Restrooms
- Beach Access
- Paved Parking
- Camping (During Dip Net Fishery)
- Portable Restrooms (Seasonal)
- Dumpsters (Seasonal)

Description: This is a community beachfront area providing access to the North beach of the lower Cook

Inlet. This area becomes one of the more popular destinations during the dip net fishery each July. There is a large paved parking area and camping during the dip net fishery. Fees do apply during this time.

**Vehicular traffic to the left of the beach access point is prohibited.**

## [Kenai Wildlife Viewing Area](#) [9]

Physical Location: Bridge Access Road

Site Amenities:

- Boardwalk
- Viewing Telescope
- Paved Parking

Description: This a public viewing area overlooking the Kenai River tidal flood plains. Many different birds, such as snow geese and cranes, migrate here. Other wildlife is often spotted as well, including caribou, coyote, moose, and occasionally bear. One can view the surrounding mountains here including the beautiful Mount Redoubt.

## [Leif Hansen Memorial Park](#) [10]



Physical Location: 10959 Kenai Spur Highway

Site Amenities:

- [Gazebo](#) [5] \*Reservable
- Water Fountain
- Veteran?s & Mariner?s Memorial
- Town Clock
- Gardens
- Drinking Fountain
- Picnic Tables

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Concrete Sidewalks

Description: This is a community memorial park with paved pathways and flowerbeds throughout, displaying memorial plaques and plantings such as shrubs and trees. There are two monumental memorials within the park and a large circular water fountain exhibited at the center. The gazebo area has been a popular wedding venue for many years. A large custom town clock was constructed, utilizing local talent, and installed during the winter of 2006.

**Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Municipal Park](#) [11]

Physical Location: 301 South Forest Drive

Site Amenities:

- Playground Area (2-5 year old and 2-12 year old)
- Basketball Court
- Sand Volleyball Court
- [Three Covered Picnic Shelters](#) [5] \*Reservable
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Picnic Tables

- Three Charcoal Grills
- Kenai Lions Club Handicap Accessible Trail
- Picnic Sites
- Covered Lookout
- Handicap Portable Restroom (Seasonal)
- Permanent Restroom Facility
- Beach Access Trail
- Dumpster (Seasonal)
- Historical Interpretive Displays

Description: This is a large neighborhood park located next to the bluff, overlooking the lower Cook Inlet. At the North entrance to the park is a large playground area, several picnic sites, a permanent restroom facility and a large open turf area for a variety of activities. Located at the South end of the park is a covered shelter, open barbeque pit, basketball court, and volleyball court. The Kenai Lions Club Handicap Trail and portable restroom are in this area as well. This trail leads to the bluff and overlooks the lower Cook Inlet. Another trail meanders throughout the park and connects to the Kenai Beach Access Trail, which follows a beautiful gully and leads to the beach access parking lot. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Old Town Park](#) [12]

Physical Location: 816 Cook Ave.

Site Amenities:

- Playground Area
- Swing Set
- Half-Court Basketball
- [Covered Picnic Shelter](#) [5] \*Reservable
- Picnic Table
- Charcoal Grill
- Portable Restroom (Seasonal)

Description: This is a smaller neighborhood playground park in Old Town Kenai. It is fully fenced in, provides some open turf areas and has a quaint picnic area. The playground equipment is geared toward toddlers to children 8 years of age. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Scenic Bluff Overlook](#) [13]

Physical Location: Spur View Drive

Site Amenities:

- Parking Area
- Picnic Tables
- [Gazebo](#) [5] \*Reservable

Description: This open area is right on the bluff, overlooking the mouth of the Kenai River and lower Cook Inlet. With multiple picnic tables, this spot is a wonderful destination for picnics, bird watching, and relaxing. The birdcage-style gazebo is also gaining popularity as a wedding venue. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [Softball Greenstrip](#) [14]



Physical Location: 400 Main St. Loop

Site Amenities:

- Playground Area
- [Two Covered Picnic Shelters](#) <sup>[5]</sup> \*Reservable
- Two Charcoal Grills
- Permanent Restroom Facility
- Large Outside Grill
- Electricity Hookup
- Community Garden Plots
- Steve Shearer Memorial Ball Park With Four Adult Softball Fields
- Skateboard Park

Description: This is a large community park in downtown Kenai with many amenities which make it a popular venue for birthday parties, community events, fundraisers, and more. The covered shelters, playground, and permanent restroom facility are all nestled between an extensive open green area, the community gardens, and the Steve Shearer Memorial Ball Park. The ball park includes four adult softball fields, another permanent restroom facility, and a concession stand. An outdoor skateboard park is also located in the close vicinity of the park, which includes several ramps within a fenced area over a smooth concrete surface. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

## [\[8\] Wildflower Garden](#) <sup>[15]</sup>

Physical Location: Lawton Drive

Site Amenities:

- Gazebo
- Park Benches
- Maintained Walking Trail
- Flower Displays

Description: Kenai's famed wildflower garden is an open space fully covered in fifteen different wildflower species. With a winding trail and benches for resting, this is a perfect location for walks or photo shoots. There are also displays throughout with information about each individual flower species. **Overnight camping is prohibited.**

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Links:



- [1] <http://www.ci.kenai.ak.us/recreation/beautification>
- [2] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/6031+Kenai+Spur+Hwy,+Kenai,+AK+99611/@60.5621916,-151.1156386,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x56c664ebfdd66fcf:0xb1d33e7ec1b8eb65>
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- [9] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Bridge+Access+Rd,+Kenai,+AK+99611/@60.5378133,-151.2112869,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x56c67cb1586b5503:0x7dbd259813bd0dc6>
- [10] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/10959+Kenai+Spur+Hwy,+Kenai,+AK+99611/@60.5555843,-151.2463527,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x56c67c9ec8b23a97:0xd0cd478c7544d982>
- [11] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/301+S+Forest+Dr,+Kenai,+AK+99611/@60.557074,-151.272079,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x56c67c85cf8c02cb:0x50a9f731041e1d1e>
- [12] <https://www.google.com/maps/place/816+Cook+Dr,+Kenai,+AK+99611/@60.5528724,-151.2564288,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x56c67c9a3ec4ba45:0x78bfd94397be5951>
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