

# Bellevue Parks & Community Services at a Glance



## ***Mission***

The mission of Bellevue Parks & Community Services is to build and support a healthy community through an integrated system of exceptional parks, open spaces, recreation, and cultural and human services.

## ***Key Components***

- Over 2,500 acres of parks and open space
- 85 miles of trails
- 45 playgrounds
- 59 waterway acres (including 1,250 linear feet of Lake Washington shoreline and 126 linear feet of Lake Sammamish shoreline)
- 7 beach parks
- 5 community centers
- 87 athletic fields managed (34 city-owned and 43 school-owned)
- Oversight of the city's Cultural Diversity Program, Probation Department, and Human Services Division, which allocates \$4 million every two years to agencies that support Bellevue citizens
- Over 28,000 people participate in recreation programs each year through Community Centers (North Bellevue, South Bellevue, Highland, Crossroads); Senior Programs; Bellevue Youth Theatre; Teen Services / Youth Link; Youth Sports; Skateparks – Highland Center Skate Park & Plaza, Lakemont, Crossroads Park; Wrap-Around Services; Bellevue Youth Court; Kelsey Creek Community Farm; and Day Camps
- More than 5,500 people volunteer annually to support a wide variety of programs and services throughout the department

## ***Recent Awards***

Accredited by CAPRA (Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies)

Recipient of 2005 National Gold Medal Award from the National Recreation and Park Association

Recognized for the last three years as one of "100 Best Communities for Young People" from America's Promise – the Alliance for Youth Today

Bellevue Golf Course achieved designation in 2008 as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses

From 2008 to 2010, Bellevue Parks & Community Services also received awards from Washington Recreation & Parks Association, including Best Youth/Adult Program (Wrap-Around Services); Best Event/Fair/Festival (Garden d'Lights); Best Website ([www.Myparksandrecreation.com](http://www.Myparksandrecreation.com)); Best Sports Complex (Robinswood Sportsfields); Best Facility (Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center) and Best Special Use Facility Award (Crossroads Water Spray Playground)

## *Primary responsibilities by division*

- Resource Management
  - ◇ Manages over 650 acres of developed park land and 275,000 sq. ft. of parks facilities
- Natural Resources
  - ◇ Lake to Lake Trail System
  - ◇ Mercer Slough Nature Park
  - ◇ Lewis Creek Visitor Center
  - ◇ Agricultural and produce programs
  - ◇ Greenbelts and street trees
- Planning and Project Management-Recent projects include:
  - ◇ Highland Skate Plaza
  - ◇ Crossroads Water Spray Playground
  - ◇ Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center Expansion
- Enterprise
  - ◇ Bellevue Golf Course
  - ◇ Robinswood House / Tennis Center
  - ◇ Bellevue Aquatic Center
- Recreation Programs
  - ◇ Community Centers (North Bellevue, South Bellevue, Highland, Crossroads)
  - ◇ Senior Programs
  - ◇ Bellevue Youth Theatre
  - ◇ Teen Services / Youth Link
  - ◇ Youth Sports
  - ◇ Skateparks – Highland Center Skate Park & Plaza, Lakemont, Crossroads Park
  - ◇ Wrap-Around Services
  - ◇ Bellevue Youth Court
  - ◇ Kelsey Creek Community Farm
  - ◇ Day Camps
- Human Services
  - ◇ Human Services Commission allocates approximately \$2 million/year
  - ◇ Home Repair Program
- Cultural Diversity
  - ◇ Broad range of cultural information and events
  - ◇ Refugee and Immigrant Forum
- Probation
  - ◇ Electronic Home Detention Program

