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Introduction

The City of Montgomery has seven parks distributed throughout the five square miles of the City. The amenities of these parks range from passive activities, like fishing, picnicking, and nature observation to active spaces for ball games, playgrounds, and walking\running. Montgomery's parks are located in neighborhood settings, distributed throughout the community for convenience and are interconnected with sidewalks and marked trails for easy access yet most people know only one or two of our parks.

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June 5, 2009, 4:19 PM

Pioneer is our favorite because it is so peaceful. It is nice to walk there as an adult couple or with out-of-town guests. The butterfly garden and gazebo have been used for low key get togethers with family and friends. The children love adventures in the creek and we can walk our timid dog without too much tumult.

We particularly enjoyed Weller and Swaim when the children were younger because of the playgrounds and ponds. When they were infants, Pfeiffer park was a reasonable walk from our home with a stroller. We love the mulberry tree there - I guess once this is posted it will no longer be a family secret.

Cherie Estill in Montgomery

May 11, 2009, 6:38 PM

Dulle Park is really nice and has a lot to offer. I had my wedding reception in the Terwilliger Lodge at Dulle Park. Our service was held in the Universalist Church which you can also reserve through the City of Montgomery. Dulle Park also has tennis courts, a playground, ball fields and a walking trail which make it an excellent location for a summer get together.

Name not shown in Montgomery

May 5, 2009, 11:49 AM

We LOVE the parks in Montgomery! We routinely use Pioneer & Johnson Nature Preserve ... both are so peaceful and quiet. Sometimes I've gone there just to meditate & think over major life decisions. We used to use Swaim & Weller for the playgrounds when the kids were younger; now most of our time at Swaim, Weller as well as Dulle is for the baseball diamonds! And of course, Montgomery Park is still a favorite for sledding!

Name not shown in Montgomery

April 29, 2009, 6:16 PM

I use Weller Park the most, for walking, taking grand children to the play area, and tennis. I live only a few hundred yards from the park. I love the way it is integrated with the church property, and housing areas.

Pioneer Park is my second choice, particularly in the fall, when the leaves change. I take family, and others here for photographs.

The Johnson Nature Reserve is my third choice, where I go to enjoy it's beauty.

Dick Chisholm in Montgomery

April 28, 2009, 5:25 PM

A look at the responses indicates that all of Montgomery parks are popular and proximity is many times the deciding factor as to where one goes. Fortunately the parks are nicely distributed throughout the community. I prefer the quiet of Pioneer park but when grandkids are around Swaim becomes the park of choice. Dick Chisholm

Name not shown in Lebanon

April 28, 2009, 5:01 PM

I love Montgomery Parks. They each offer a unique setting to enjoy and to meet with the varying interests of the community members, from young to old, and from active to more leisure uses. My favorite park is Swaim. I like the variety there. I also like the history preserved with the old

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farmhouse. The ponds are enjoyed by my little ones for fishing or just throwing pebbles. The playground is great and shady. The tennis courts are a fun family option too!

Russell Speiller in Montgomery

April 24, 2009, 9:57 AM

My wife and I highly enjoy talking walks through historic Montgomery down to and around Swaim Park. I have used the tennis courts at Swaim. I can't underscore enough how important having a walking downtown and park system were in our decision to buy a home in Montgomery one year ago.

Doug Hughes in Montgomery

April 20, 2009, 12:36 PM

Yes, they're great! 1) Swaim - walk there almost daily - a pleasant trip either to the park or thru the park on the way to Pitkins/library, etc; s'mores, fishing w/the grandchildren; and now - basketball; 2) Pioneer/Dulle - great for dog-walking, the woods/creek trails, the butterfly garden - little adventures for little dogs and kids; 3) Johnson Nature - a "hidden treasure", you almost can lose yourself in there and wonder which way to go next - look down, up, all-around, to see neat/"natural" things; Montgomery Park playground - again, good for the grandkids; and finally - even though not an official park, the spinning bucket seats at Montgomery School playground are fun for the kids on our way to UDF or Aglamesis...

Raymond Miller in Cincinnati

April 20, 2009, 8:47 AM

I do enjoy the parks and their close proximity. I would love to be involved in installation of great sculpture, fountains and other esthetic additions to our parks.

RICHARD HAHN in Montgomery

April 19, 2009, 5:49 PM

Dulle Park and Pioneer Park are close to our home. When we have out-of-town visitors we take them to either or both parks for a nice walk. That happens about four times a year. We also used the shelter at Dulle Park for a family picnic several years ago. Other than that, we have not visited other parks.

Nancy Nolan in Montgomery

April 18, 2009, 1:43 PM

When my dog was younger, we'd walk almost every day to Pioneer or Dulle Park, or the Johnson Nature Preserve. Lovely, lovely places to walk a dog, and they are relatively quiet, without lots of kids much of the time (not that I don't like kids! But with a dog, it's just easier.) Now, the old dog doesn't walk much, sad to say. But once the new puppy gets a bit older, I suspect we'll be back on the trail.

Kathy Sostaric in Montgomery

April 18, 2009, 1:28 PM

We tend to use Montgomery & Pioneer since they are closest to our home and easy walking/riding distance. I walk my dog daily so Hopewell Cemetary gets frequent visits as does Pfeiffer on occasional walk-throughs. My son likes the new equipment at Montgomery geared for older kids. We also use Weller regularly for sports practice and occasionally will meet friends there. I have marked my calendars for Weller's movie nights and am hoping for good weather!

John Lovro in Montgomery

April 17, 2009, 12:35 PM

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My family and I regularly use many of our parks (2-3 times per week). We mostly use Dulle and Pioneer Parks for playground use, tennis, and walking. I use the combination of both parks for jogging. Pioneer park also offers a pond and my kids love to fish it occassionally.

We plan to use the new playground equipment at Montgomery park now that the weather is warming up.

Name not shown in Cincinnati

April 16, 2009, 10:02 PM

Parks are one of the wonderful attributes of Montgomery. Use Weller most frequently since nearest my home, to walk, play tennis, take grandchildren to play and have reserved the shelter for family gatherings...much better than the mess at home and the kids have a great time playing while adults sit an relax. Also like to play tennis at Dulle because it is so peaceful there. Great to take time by the creek and wonder in the new landscaped areas. We are lucky to have these wonderful places so easily accessible. I need to take advantage of Pioneer and the Nature Preserve more frequently. They, too, are gems.

thom monahan in Montgomery

April 16, 2009, 4:38 PM

I love the park opportunities that exist in our city. What I like most is the variety of offerings that allow for a different experience each time. I most enjoyed the pictorial history of the Johnson Nature Preserve from the 1999 tornado to 2006. Our home backs up to Swaim Park so that seems to be the park we use and enjoy the most. There is much to do at Swaim if you enjoy water, wildlife, sport activities, picknicking and sled riding. We have in the past used the walking bridge at Swaim to decorate for our family Christmas card picture.
