

CITY TRAIL SYSTEM

F **IMPERIAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES**

Formerly the old Imperial Tobacco Factory site in downtown Rocky Mount, this historic building, along with the adjacent former Braswell Memorial Library site, now serves as the permanent location for the City's Arts Center and Children's Museum & Science Center. The complex also features a new state-of-the-art performing arts theatre and planetarium theatre.

15 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK**

The 28.42-acre park includes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, a playground, swings and spring toys, benches, picnic shelters, grills, picnic tables, and a multipurpose field for recreation activities, and a ten-foot wide loop path around the perimeter of the park.



13 **STITH TALBERT PARK**

This 28.33 acre park located on the Tar River at Spruce Street and Atlantic Avenue has playground equipment, picnic shelters, grills, lights and electrical outlets, two lighted basketball courts, concession stand, lighted tennis courts, a fishing pier, a Little League field, a lighted baseball field, and a lighted soccer field.

9 **BATTLE PARK**

This beautiful natural 56.5 acre park is located on Falls Road and the Tar River. Rocky Mount's first post office, theatre and the "rocky mounds" where Rocky Mount got its name, are located in the confines of the park. The park has a greenway, a boat landing, 3 picnic shelters, an overlook, playground equipment, 4 parking lots, 2 islands, and a gazebo.

17 **ROCKY MOUNT SPORTS COMPLEX**

Located on Centura Parkway and Independence Drive near US Highway 64, the 143-acre multi-use facility offers an assortment of recreational programming options, including six youth baseball fields, four interchangeable baseball/softball fields, one championship baseball field, two outdoor basketball courts, six soccer fields, a disc golf course, and walking trails. The complex hosts local Parks and Recreation leagues, as well as a full slate of regional, state and national sporting events.

3 **SUNSET PARK**

This 25 acre park located off Sunset Avenue on Taylor Street and River Drive beside the Tar River is the city's main park. It features a miniature train, carousel, concession stands, basketball courts, boat ramp, picnic shelters, little league field, tennis courts, sprayground, and skate park.

1 **CITY LAKE**

Located off Sunset Avenue at the Tar River near downtown Rocky Mount, City Lake was first constructed as a Works Progress Administration project under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration in 1937. The lake has undergone many facelifts over the years, with a complete beautification project concluded in 1993. Joggers and walkers make a trek around a half-mile concrete path surrounding the lake, while others relax under the tall hardwoods and pines to feed the exotic waterfowl living around the famous site. Other amenities include a gazebo, piers, a bridge to the island, and a fountain. By day or night, City Lake is one of the most beautiful sites in the two counties. Called "a place for us to come together", City Lake has become a symbol of the Rocky Mount area.



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Near the center of Rocky Mount the Parks & Recreation Department oversees a system of parks, trails, and arts and recreational facilities. The 3.1 mile Tar River Trail runs along its namesake river from Sunset Park in the west to Martin Luther King, Jr. Park in the east. In between, the trail passes through several city landmarks, including Battle Park. To the north of the river near the junction of US Highway 64 and N. Church Street is the Rocky Mount Sports Complex and Athletic Stadium. South of the river on Church Street is the Imperial Centre for the Arts & Sciences and the Veterans Memorial at Jack Laughery Park.

POINTS OF INTEREST

City Trail System

- 1 City Lake
- 2 Vietnam War Memorial
- 3 Sunset Park
- 4 Sunset Park Boat Ramp
- 5 Mouth of Stony Creek
- 6 Raised Boardwalk Through Scenic Wetlands
- 7 Snake Island
- 8 Falls of the Tar River
- 9 Battle Park
- 10 Panther Island
- 11 Battle Park Boat Ramp
- 12 Scenic Pedestrian Bridge Across Tar River
- 13 Stith-Talbert Park
- 14 Booker T Washington Community Center
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
- 17 Rocky Mount Sports Complex
- 18 Athletic Stadium

Other Points of Interest

- A POWER PLANT
- B WATER TREATMENT PLANT
- C HISTORIC STONEWALL MANOR
- D ROCKY MOUNT MILLS - BUILT 1817
- E HISTORIC MILL VILLAGE HOMES
- F IMPERIAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES
- G VETERANS MEMORIAL AT JACK LAUGHERY PARK
- H BRASWELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

- Call 911
- Tell the operator the color of the trail center line, or your general location (Sports Complex, City Lake, etc.)
- Remain on the phone.

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE:
252-972-1411

PARK MAINTENANCE:
252-467-4927