

**Parks
and
Playgrounds**

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ROCHESTER, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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AREA OF PARKS.

APRIL 15, 1919.

	ACRES
Genesee Valley Park, . . .	540
Seneca Park,	216
Maplewood Park,	145
Highland Park,	107
Durand-Eastman Park, . . .	484
Small Parks,	157
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	1,649

Park Appropriation, 1919, \$224,182.78.

PARK OFFICE, MUNICIPAL BLDG.,
SOUTH FITZHUGH STREET.

HIGHLAND PARK.

UNITED STATES Government
Station for determining the varia-
tion of magnetic needle.

Latitude 43 degrees 8.4 min.

Longitude 77 degrees 34.7 min.

Magnetic Course of True North—N 7
degrees 30 minutes E.

Established August 31, 1907.

Contains 107 acres — nearly twenty of
which were presented by Ellwanger &
Barry in 1887.

Established for Shrub Collection and
Pinetum by Board of Park Commis-
sioners, 1888.

Children's Pavilion, built and presented
by Ellwanger & Barry to the children
of Rochester, September, 1890.

Shrub collection and Pinetum planting
began 1891.

Lamberton Memorial Conservatory pre-
sented by Miss Mary A. Starbuck,
Opened October 30, 1911.

Open daily 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Elevation above sea — Ground floor of
Children's Pavilion, 652.

Elevation above sea — Top floor of
Children's Pavilion, 675.

Elevation above sea — Water in Reservoir
when full, 636.

Elevation above sea — Water in Rush
Reservoir, 751.

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Elevation above sea—Water in Hemlock Lake, 896.

Elevation above sea—Lake Ontario, 247.

Distance Mount Hope Reservoir to Rush Reservoir, 9 miles.

Distance Mount Hope Reservoir to Hemlock Lake, 28 miles.

Distance Mount Hope Reservoir to Sewage Disposal Plant, 7½ miles.

Gallons of water from Hemlock Lake daily, 25,000,000 gallons.

Capacity of Highland Reservoir, 22,000,000 gallons.



HIGHLAND PARK.

LILAC Sunday is held at Highland Park on the Sunday when the greatest number of lilacs are at their best. The average time of Lilac Sunday for the past ten years is about May 25th.

The crab-apples, cherries and plums bloom at about the same time as the lilacs. Following them come the azaleas, rhododendrons and peonies which are generally excellent about June 17th.

There is something interesting in bloom or in fruit from early in the spring until the end of the year. In September, October and early November the display of the fall foliage is magnificent.

There are three extra displays of flowers at the Lamberton Conservatory, at Easter, the chrysanthemum show in November and the Christmas display.

There is a Shakespeare garden near the lilac collection and the rose garden, and all flowers mentioned in Shakespeare have been planted there by the Women's Garden Club.

Band concerts are given weekly at the children's pavilion or at the Warner grove on South Avenue.

In the summer there is tennis near the lily pond and in the winter there is skating on the lily pond and coasting on the hill on South Avenue.

HERBARIUM

In the Herbarium adjoining the refectory are kept the specimens of the flowers, foliage and fruit of the plants that grow in the park system. It is open for inspection for anyone interested in plants and is visited by many scientific students of plants.

Highland Park is two miles from the Four Corners and is reached by the Exchange Street and South Avenue car lines.

PINETUM

The Pinetum contains 300 species and varieties of conifers, the principal of which are pines 67, spruces 50, firs 30, junipers 45, arbor vitae 40, yews 23, larches 9.

THE SHRUB COLLECTION.

The shrub collection comprises nearly all the shrubs that have been discovered and that are hardy in this climate. Among the broad leaved evergreen

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shrubs are 147 species and varieties of rhododendrons, 3 hollies, 3 kalmias, 2 mahonias, pieris, 2 viburnums, boxes, 2 cotoneasters.

Among the deciduous shrubs and trees in the park system are 77 species and varieties of willows, 34 poplars, 8 walnuts, 19 hickories, 48 birches, 42 oaks, 27 maples, 10 hackberries, 26 lindens, 73 maples, 34 ashes, 32 magnolias, 45 crab-apples, 19 pears, 114 cherries and plums, 600 hawthorns, 102 honeysuckles, 136 azaleas, 306 lilacs, 51 deutzias, 56 philadelphus, 52 viburnums, 40 dogwoods, 22 sumac, 58 spiraeas, 396 roses, 55 rubus, 63 ribes, 74 barberries, 18 buckthorns, 21 euonymus, 35 buckeyes, 43 ligustrum. The willows, poplars, rubus and ribes have been removed to Durand-Eastman Park and the hawthorns to Genesee Valley Park.

Many trees and shrubs bear fruit and furnish excellent nesting places for birds, and many species are found there in the summer and several species are attracted by the food placed for them and remain all winter. At any season some attractive birds may be seen in the park.

GENESEE VALLEY PARK.

THIS park of 540 acres of land and water, is the largest of all the parks. The Genesee River flows through it for about one and one-half miles, and the Barge Canal crosses it for 2,900 ft. It has been for years a favorite place for boating and canoeing and the river is navigable for small boats, for several miles up the river. The shores of the river are lined with beautiful trees and shrubs. Its fine rolling meadows and forests of native trees and shrubs are its chief attraction on land. A golf course of 18 holes is maintained. A flock of Shropshire sheep, guarded by a collie dog and cared for by a shepherd, crops the grass on the meadows. In the picnic grove there is a refectory, a merry-go-round and a band stand from which concerts are given weekly during the summer. In the middle of the golf course there is a rest house, from the porch of which fine views of the golf course and the river may be obtained.

On the west side of the river near Elmwood Avenue is the public boat house, a short distance south is the Rochester Athletic Club House, and

south of that the Y. M. C. A. boat house.

The swimming pool house and the swimming pool are near. The Public Athletic Club House is close to Elmwood Avenue on the Plymouth Avenue car line. The Athletic field is flooded in the winter and five acres of ice are available for skating. On the field bounded by Elmwood Avenue and Genesee Street are three baseball diamonds.

The collection of native hawthorns consisting of 600 varieties, is situated on the Baker farm, south of the golf course.

SENECA PARK.

THIS park of 216 acres is located on the right bank of the Genesee River and extends north from Norton Street along the high bank of the river 2.4 miles to the Rifle Range.

It contains a large number of native trees and shrubs and the view along the top of the high bank is excellent. There is an artificial lake of five acres, a swimming pool, playground, ball grounds, two picnic grounds, a merry-go-round and a small collection of animals. From the band stand on the west bank of Trout Lake, concerts are given weekly during the summer. The refectory is close to the

car line in the middle of the park. In the winter there is skating on Trout Lake and when there is plenty of snow there is coasting on the hill.

MAPLEWOOD PARK.

SITUATED on the left bank of the Genesee River, this park of 145 acres extends from Driving Park Avenue north for about 7,200 feet to Hanford's Landing Road. The late Walter B. Duffy and George Eastman gave several lots near Driving Park Avenue.

A view of the lower falls may be obtained from the top of the bank, and several grand views of the river from various points at bends in the river. At the south end of the park is the rose garden and north of it the shelter and the band stand in the grove of sugar maples from which the park takes its name. Concerts are given in the grove weekly. There is a playground in the grove and another at Lower Maplewood Park, where there is also a refectory and tennis courts, and a ball ground. A bowling green is also maintained. In the lower refectory there is a collection of mounted birds and other animals. There is a ball ground near the refectory. In the winter there is skating on one acre of ice on the pond.

A sun-dial was presented to the city by Fred H. Rees on June 21, 1913. A true north point was established and the latitude and longitude determined as 43 degrees 11'-25" north and 77 degrees 37'-35" west.

DURAND-EASTMAN PARK.

THIS park contains 484 acres and was presented to the city by Dr. Henry S. Durand and George Eastman in 1907. It extends about 4,000 feet along the shore of Lake Ontario and about the same distance back from the shore. It is a rolling piece of ground and contains a beautiful 95 acre grove of native forest trees and many fine specimen trees. Thousands of trees and shrubs have been planted in the park, most of them hardy, native plants, and many of them evergreens both coniferous and broadleaved. The refectory overlooks Lake Ontario. There is a playground, picnic grove, ball grounds, tennis courts and nine hole golf course, also a number of deer of several species, tahrs, aoudads, llamas, bison and camels. It is also a game preserve, and wild waterfowl and pheasants and other game birds find a haven of refuge there. New bath house for 1,000 people to cost \$18,000.

COBB'S HILL Park, named for an early resident of the city, Gideon Cobb, surrounds the reservoir of the same name. George Eastman purchased 15 acres of land along Culver Road from Monroe Ave to the Eastern Widewaters, and George Eastman, Granger A. Hollister and Mrs. Hollister, James A. Watson, Hiram W. Sibley, Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., Miss Elizabeth Clarke, Edmond Lyons, Bausch & Lomb, Lewis P. Ross, Edward W. Mulligan, Harvey E. Corey, Joseph T. Alling, Henry A. Strong, Mrs. Florence Yates, William E. Sloan, M. I. Covell, William Eastwood, Albert Eastwood and Walter S. Hubbell furnished thirty thousand dollars toward paying \$35,625 for the fine grove of forest trees east of Cobb's Hill Reservoir. The City of Rochester paid \$5,625 toward the amount paid for the land.

There is a fine road a mile long to the summit of Cobb's Hill where a grand view of the city and the beautiful country south and east of the hill may be obtained. Lake Ontario may be seen on clear days. A cement walk 8 feet wide, of

3,750 feet in length, surrounds the reservoir, and there are paths at the bottom of the hill and through the forest. The elevation above sea of the reservoir walk is 640 feet, and the elevation of Lake Ontario is about 247 feet. The beautiful gate-house is on the summit of the hill. Many rare and beautiful trees and shrubs have been planted on the land surrounding the reservoir and additions have been made to the forest trees.

A shelter for skaters has been erected close to the widewaters to accomodate the numerous skaters who exercise on the ice during the skating season. Tennis courts, and a ball diamond are maintained.

The elevation of the water in the reservoir when full is 636 feet above the sea and the walk around the reservoir 640 feet, and the elevation of ground at intersection of Monroe Avenue and Highland Avenue, 544 feet. The capacity of the reservoir is 184,000,000 gallons, the depth is 25 feet, and the area of the water surface when full is 18 acres. The elevation of the widewaters when full is 499. The number of gallons of water used daily from both reservoirs in 1918 was 25,000,000.

EXPOSITION PARK.

THIS park contains 41.28 acres of land. In the large buildings various entertainments are given, especially automobile, poultry and dog shows. The main Municipal Library and the Municipal Museum are housed in two of the buildings. In front of the grandstand horse shows and pageants are given. Municipal band concerts are given weekly during the season in the band stand.

In two of the buildings there is a small collection of animals. Ball grounds and tennis courts and a playground are maintained. Park and Dewey Avenue, and Webster Avenue and Driving Park Avenue car lines pass in front of the park.

BROWN SQUARE.

Of 4 ½ acres has a playground, wading pool and a shelter.

JONES PARK.

Contains 6.72 acres, has walks and fine shade trees and shrubs.

WEBSTER AVENUE PARK.

Of 15.59 acres, has a bandstand where concerts are occasionally given. The trees are small as they have been planted only a few years.

Of 6.84 acres, has a large number of newly planted trees and shrubs and fine cement walks.

STREETS AND TREES.

There were about 401 miles of streets in Rochester before the extension of the city limits on the first of January, 1919. A survey of the addition to the city is under way and then many more miles of streets will be recorded.

During 1918, 165 dead, 335 crowding and 111 dangerous trees, a total of 611, were cut down on 181 streets and many trees on the streets were trimmed. Two hundred and seventy-six trees were planted on five streets.

THE PARK BAND.

The Park Band of 50 men, Theodore Dossenbach, Director, gave 78 concerts in the parks of the city and led at 55 parades. The attendance at concerts is from 5,000 to 20,000 persons.

The Plant of the City of Rochester is located on a farm of three-hundred acres on the shore of Lake Ontario and adjacent to Durand-Eastman Park. Cost, \$600,000.

The preliminary treatment is the removal of the inorganic matter in a series of six Detritus Tanks. These tanks are ninety feet long, ten feet wide and nine feet deep.

From these tanks the sewage enters the Screen House in which are located four Reinsch-Wurl Screens with the conveyor and cars for the removal of the screenings. The screens have meshes varying from one-sixteenth to three-eighths inches in width, and remove the coarse and floating solids from the sewage.

The final treatment is made by passing the sewage through Imhoff Tanks. There is a battery of ten of these tanks, one hundred ten feet long, thirty-five feet wide and forty feet deep. Connected with the Imhoff Tanks are forty Sludge Beds covering one and one half acres used in drying the sludge drawn from the tanks.

The effluent from the tanks passes to the Power House. Here are located two

seventy-five horse-power hydro electric generating units. The power generated is used in operating all machinery connected with the plant and lighting the grounds and buildings.

Leaving the Power House the effluent enters a sixty-six inch steel outfall pipe which extends seven thousand feet into Lake Ontario and discharges in water fifty feet deep.

The average amount of sewage treated during 1918 was over thirty-two million gallons per day.



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**USEFUL INFORMATION
ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS.**

Superintendent of Playgrounds—Robert A. Bernhard. Appointed April 7th, 1915. Absent at war, February 7th, 1918, to January 1st, 1919.

Supervising Mechanic — C. B. Leake. Appointed May 30th, 1915. Acting Superintendent of Playgrounds, February 7th, 1918, to January 1st, 1919.

Clerk—Miss Edna Miller. Appointed March 25th, 1919.

PLAYGROUNDS.

No. 7 Playground.

Located on Dewey Avenue, corner Kislingbury Street.

Take Dewey Avenue car and get off at Kislingbury Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays — 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.6 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 31,708.

Children's Playground Library.

No. 9 Playground.

Located on Joseph Avenue, corner Baden Street.

Take Joseph Avenue car and get off at Stephany Place.

Open from 11:45 A. M. to 1:15 P. M. and 3:30 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays—9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.2 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 138,282.

Located on Webster Avenue, near
Schafer Place.

Take Webster Avenue car and get off
at Webster Avenue Park.

Open from 11:45 A. M. to 1:15 P. M.
and 3:30 to 6 P. M., except Satur-
days—9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 3 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 98,710.

No. 14 Playground.

Located on Scio Street, corner Uni-
versity.

Take East Main car and get off at
Scio Street.

Open from 11:45 A. M. to 1:15 P. M.
and 3:30 to 6 P. M., except Satur-
days—9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 0.6 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 103,004.
Children's Playground Library.

No. 15 Playground.

Located on Monroe Avenue, near
Alexander Street.

Take Monroe Avenue car and get off
at Alexander Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Satur-
days - 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.6 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 37,867.

No. 16 Playground
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(To open in 1919.)

Located on Post Avenue (rear of No. 16 School.)

Take Arnett Street car and get off at Post Avenue.

Size: 2 acres.

No. 20 Playground.

Located on Oakman Street.

Take North Clinton car and get off at Oakman Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 0.3 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 54,997.

No. 21 Playground.

Located on Colvin Street, near Jay Street.

Take Allen and Jay Street car and get off at Colvin Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays 9 A. M., to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.2 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 53,176.
Children's Playground Library.

No. 36 Playground.

Located on Carter Street, near Bernard.

Take Portland or Clifford Avenue car and get off at Carter Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays—9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.3 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 52,648.

(To open in 1919.)

Located on Chili Avenue, near Lincoln.

Take West Avenue car to end of line and walk up Lincoln Avenue to Chili.

Size: 0.6 acre.

Brown Square Playground.

Located at corner Brown, Jones and Jay Streets.

Take Dewey Avenue car and get off at Brown Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 4.5 acres.

Total attendance for 1918 was 90,043.
Children's Playground Library.

Hartford Street Playground.

Located on Hartford Street, near Scio.

Take Portland Avenue car and get off at Hartford Street, walk east.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturday 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 1.3 acres.

Attendance for 1918 was 153,574.

Children's Playground Library.

Recreational Building.

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Washington Playground.

Located at 48 ½ Thomas Street.

Take Hudson Avenue car, get off at Weeger Street, and walk through to Thomas.

Open from 3:30 to 6 P. M. and every evening from 7 to 10:30 P. M., except Saturdays, hours on Saturday being 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size : 0.99 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 244,746.
Children's Playground Library.

Recreational Building.

Front Street Playground.

Located at 139 Front Street.

Take Main Street car and get off at Front.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays—9 A. M. to 6 P. M., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 10 P. M.

Size : 0.3 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 73,965.
Children's Playground Library.

Recreational Building.

South Avenue Playground.

Located at 250 South Avenue.

Take South Avenue car and get off at Cheney Place.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size : 0.1 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 65,280.

Take Dewey Avenue, Driving Park or Emerson Street car and get off at Bloss Street.

Open from 3 to 6 P. M., except Saturdays 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Size: 0.3 acre.

Total attendance for 1918 was 41,297 (Playground closed during Nov. and Dec.)

Recreational Building.

ABOVE PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN DURING SUMMER SEASON FROM 9 A. M. TO 9 P. M.

Following Playgrounds are open during the Summer Season only.

U. of R. Athletic Field.

Located on E. Main Street, corner Culver Road.

Take East Main Street car to Culver Road.

Open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 27,220.

West High School Playground.

Take Arnett Street car and get off at Kenwood Avenue.

Open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 43,006.

Maplewood Park Playground (upper).

Open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 4,665.

Open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 28,040.

Durand-Eastman Park Playground.

Open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 16,003.

Seneca Park Playground.

Open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Total attendance for 1918 was 20,615.

The total attendance of children on the Playgrounds for 1918, was 1,378,846, which compares very favorably with the first records available, those of 1915, attendance that year being 688,481.

PLAYGROUND ACTIVITIES FOR GIRLS.

Games, quiet and active.

Sewing.

Girls' Club.

Folk and Social Dancing.

Basketry and Crepe Paper Work.

Swimming.

Library and Story Telling.

Athletics.

Intra Playground Contests.

FOR BOYS, as follows:

Games, quiet and active.
Inter Playground Contests.
Intra Playground Contests.
Boys' Club.
Libraries.
Swimming.
Athletics.

BATH HOUSES.

South Avenue Bath House.

Located at 250 South Avenue.
Take South Avenue car and get off
at Cheney Place.
Ladies' days, Tuesdays and Fridays,
1 to 10 P. M.
Open from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Baden Street Bath House.

Located at 39 Baden Street.
Take Joseph Avenue car and get off
at Baden Street.
Ladies' days, Tuesdays and Fridays,
1 to 10 P. M.
Open from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M.

SWIMMING POOLS.

(ALL YEAR.)

South Avenue Swimming Pool.

Located at 250 South Avenue.
Take South Avenue car and get off
at Cheney Place.
Ladies' days, Mondays and Thursdays.
Open from 2 to 10 P. M.

SWIMMING POOLS.
(SUMMER SEASON ONLY.)

Seneca Park Swimming Pool.

Ladies' days, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Durand-Eastman Park Swimming Pool.

Genesee Valley Park Swimming Pool.

Ladies' days, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Exposition Park Swimming Pool.

Ladies' days, Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Total attendance at Swimming Pools during 1915 was 106,959.

Total attendance at Swimming Pools during 1918 was 93,130, Genesee Valley Pool not being in condition for use during 1918.

BASEBALL DIAMONDS.
(OUTDOOR)

Genesee Valley Park.

West of the River and South of Elmwood Avenue—3 Diamonds.

Maplewood Park.

Near Lower Refectory—1 Diamond.

Seneca Park.

North of Trout Lake—1 Diamond.

Exposition Park.

North and South of Paddock—6 Diamonds.

Cobbs Hill Park

Cobbs Hill and Culver Road, near
widewaters—1 Diamond.

U. of R. Athletic Field.

1 Diamond.

West High Athletic Field.

Arnett St. near Genesee—1 Diamond.

No. 11 Playground.

Webster Avenue—1 Diamond.

BASEBALL DIAMONDS.
(INDOORS).

Exposition Park.

Building No. 5—2 Diamonds.

BASKETBALL COURTS.
(INSIDE).

Convention Hall Annex.

Exposition Park.

Buildings Nos. 5 and 6.

Washington Community House.

No. 48½ Thomas Street.

TENNIS COURTS.

No. 7 Playground,	2
No. 9 Playground,	1
No. 11 Playground,	2
No. 15 Playground,	1
No. 21 Playground,	2
No. 36 Playground,	1
No. 44 Playground,	2
Washington Playground,	1
West High Playground,	4
Brown Square Playground,	1
Genesee Valley Park,	9
Maplewood Park (Lower),	6
Seneca Park,	3
Durand-Eastman Park,	2
Exposition Park,	1
Highland Park,	5
Cobbs Hill,	9

BOWLING GREENS.

Lower Maplewood (near Gorsline,)	1
Cobbs Hill Reservoir,	1

Playground and Recreation Appropriation for 1919 is \$102,939.48.

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Local History