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This July, Celebrate 'Build Together, Play Together' at Oakland County Parks

Month-long celebration highlights the impact of parks and recreation

OAKLAND COUNTY – July 7, 2025 – This July, join Oakland County Parks (OCP) for Park and Recreation Month, as we celebrate how Oakland County is stronger, more vibrant and more resilient because of parks and recreation.

OCP is celebrating Park and Recreation Month, an initiative of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), by inviting our community to share their experiences, memories and stories about what parks and recreation mean to them. With everything from our waterparks to our campgrounds and golf courses, there are plenty of ways to celebrate the 17 Oakland County Parks.

“From beautiful lakes for water recreation to thousands of acres of incredible green spaces to explore, Oakland County is incredibly fortunate,” Parks Director Chris Ward said. “To honor all the hard work our professionals have done to provide accessible, well-maintained and welcoming parks, it’s time to celebrate! This July marks the 40th anniversary of Park and Recreation Month and provides us a great opportunity to get outside and take advantage of the wonderful recreation opportunities our parks offer.”

“Communities are happier and more connected when they have accessible opportunities to let go of their everyday stressors and engage with the natural world around them in new and exciting ways,” Ebony Bagley, Chair of Oakland County Parks Commission, said. “Whether you’re hiking, biking, boating or practicing a new sport like archery, Oakland County Parks and Recreation offers beautiful natural spaces for everyone to play and explore. I invite everyone to step outside their comfort zone and engage in some outdoor play and respite at an Oakland County Park this summer!”

NRPA and OCP encourage everyone who supports parks and recreation to post why their local park and recreation professionals are important to them on social media with #BuildTogetherPlayTogether. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org/July.

For more information about Oakland County Parks, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).