

Adopt-a-Park



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Purpose / What You Can Do:

Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail is a volunteer program that gives the community the opportunity to work with Norman Parks and Recreation to keep its parks/trails clean and attractive. The adopter(s) may volunteer to maintain the parks/trails by picking up litter, maintaining beautification areas, painting, spreading playground mulch and/or other task approved by the Norman Park & Recreation Department.

General Information/Expectations

- Any group or organization is welcome to Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail
- 1 year commitment of a full park or section of a park or trail
- At least 4 events and/or projects per year
- Post-event report submitted to Parks Superintendent
- Safety precautions
 - Children under the age of 15 must have adult supervision
 - Always wear proper safety attire
 - Report any hazards or vandalism to Norman PD and/or Parks and Recreation Department
 - Adequately hydrate volunteers during events
 - Report suspicious behavior to Norman PD
 - Notify park staff once an event/project has been planned
 - Do not work at night or during hazardous weather conditions
 - Do not block pathways or trails
 - Do not use herbicide within the limits of the park for weed maintenance on turf or beds
 - Have first aid kit on hand

By adopting a park, Norman residents, schools, clubs and service organizations are making their parks more beautiful for everyone. The volunteer work also helps extend the benefits of tax dollars by enabling city parks employees to spend more time on other projects and responsibilities.

Adopt-A-Park allows citizens, and particularly park users, to show pride in their community. It is set up for groups to visit the park of their choice on a regular basis to pick up litter and to perform other tasks to help keep the park clean. Local service organizations, youth organizations, church groups, and neighborhoods can have fun while providing a community service.

Adopting a park isn't just about work; it's about fun! Your group's time at your adopted park could include a picnic, outdoor games, or a fishing outing (in some parks). Best of all, it's an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Adopting groups may volunteer for:

- Pick up litter and waste
- Sweep court surfaces
- Sweep pavilion areas
- Clean picnic tables and benches
- Clean and rake children's play areas
- Remove graffiti
- Plant and maintain flowers or trees, if desired (plants and planting locations must be approved in advance.)

Groups are also asked to make note of:

- Vandalism damage
- Dirty restrooms
- Buildings or structures needing repair
- Unsafe conditions

Adopting groups are not expected to mow grass, pull weeds, clean restrooms or perform major repairs or maintenance. For more information, contact the City of Norman Parks and Recreation Department: (405) 366-5472.

Adopt-a-Park/Adopt-a-Trail Application

The City of Norman believes that well-maintained parks and trails areas are essential to the beauty and appeal of our community. The City of Norman Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail programs were established to improve the appearance of the City of Norman Park System, and to encourage community involvement.

Adoptions are processed on a "First-Come, First-Served" basis in order applications are received. Upon your Park/Trail approval, we will email you the Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail agreement.

Name of Organization _____

Name of Adoption Coordinator _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Park/Trail Name: _____

Date of expected start: _____

Date of expected end: _____



Signature of Adoption Coordinator _____ Date _____

Norman Parks & Recreation Representative _____ Date _____