



Pack a picnic and spend time with your family at Noelridge Park. The park has an aquatic center, greenhouse & gardens, playground, splash pad, walking trail, and diamonds.

PARK INFORMATION

The Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Department manages 96 parks and trails on over 3,434 acres of land. In addition to the urban parks of all sizes, there are many acres held in reserve for future park expansion and flood control.

Seven free Splash Pads, with colorful padded play surfaces will run until the middle of September when weather cools. Splash Pads are located at Cleveland, Daniels, Hidder, Jacolyn, Noelridge (near Harding School, access off Golf Street NE), Redmond, and Time Check Parks.

The fall season will also find thousands of local soccer fans watching their favorite youth teams at the Tuma Soccer Complex. The facility hosts up to 2500 youth players per weekend. The concession stand, restroom building, and large pavilion along with a 900-car parking lot make the Tuma complex a very busy place in the fall.

The parks season for the availability of restrooms, drinking fountains, rental of open air pavilions and general day-to-day operating conveniences will end October 11, 2009.

PARK PAVILION RENTAL

Rent one of 19 pavilions in the city parks for your next gathering. Pavilions are rented for three use periods: 7-10am, 11am-4pm, and 5-10pm. Sizes range from 7-30 tables. Rates vary to reflect the size of the pavilion.

Call 286-5731, Monday through Friday, between 8am-5pm for more information. Pavilions may be rented one calendar year in advance. The last date to reserve a pavilion this season is October 11, 2009.

See pavilions and their features at: www.crrec.org, on the Recreation Department's Web page under Rent a Park Pavilion.

TREE AND BENCH DONATION PROGRAM

Would you like to donate a tree or park bench as a gift or memorial? Call 286-5760. For tree donations, the Parks & Recreation Department will work with you to choose a location, offer advice on tree selection, and coordinate planting. For park benches, the Department will give you recommendations and details on procurement and installation. Memorial plaques are allowed. Call for details.

NOELRIDGE GREENHOUSE AND GARDENS

Located at the corner of Collins Rd. and Council St. NE, the gardens are open from early May though October. Park hours are from 6am-10pm. There are 1,600 varieties of plants on display. For more information, call the greenhouse at 286-5762.

35th Annual Flower Show

Sunday, September 13 1:30-4pm
 Entries accepted from 6:30-11am. Call Helen Venneman, 398-8964, for more information. FREE

Open Gardens at Noelridge

Wednesday, September 23 6-9pm
 Tour the gardens with Noelridge staff and Friends of Noelridge volunteers to guide you. Mini sessions on various gardening topics will be available for adults. FREE

Cuttings and Potting Demonstration

Thursday, September 17 9am-3pm
 Thursday, September 24 9am-3pm
 Thursday, October 1 9am-3pm
 Meet at the garden entrance at 9am and the greenhouse staff will instruct you on the proper way to take cuttings and pot your plants. FREE

There's still time to volunteer at the Greenhouse! Volunteer opportunities continue until October 31 and begin again January 1, 2010.

NEW Pressed Flower Notecards

Create notecards suitable for gifts or for framing! Come have fun learning which flowers to press and/or color. Receive step-by-step instructions on flower pressing, and make and take home two or more notecards. **A \$5 material fee will be collected by the instructor.**

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 \$12 (R \$10) Noelridge Greenhouse