

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has jurisdiction of over 360 parks and other sites covering more than 6,000 acres on the Island of O'ahu. This report describes the system for classifying these parks, lists the facilities and features of parks, other related sites, and beach right-of-ways. It lists the official park names and contains maps showing City parks by neighborhood board areas and boundary maps of census tracts, development plan areas, neighborhood board areas, council districts, and state legislative districts.

All sites in this report, except traffic related areas, are under the jurisdiction and control of DPR. Traffic related areas such as medial strips, traffic triangles, traffic circles, and parking lots are, with few exceptions, under the jurisdiction of other departments and maintained by DPR. Traffic related areas that are under DPR jurisdiction have an asterisk (*) following the name of the facility. There are no Federal, State, or privately owned parks listed in this report.

Macrons [-], which are part of the official park names are included in the alphabetical listing of parks and omitted from all other sections of this report. All parks and sites in the summary section of this report are grouped by either Neighborhood Board Boundaries (NBB) for community-based sites or Development Plan Areas (DPA) for Island-based sites. Note, Neighborhood Board Number 34 was recently created and, due to time constraints, this report was not revised to reflect those changes.

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PARKS AND SITES CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM: DEFINITIONS

ISLAND-BASED PARKS:

Parks that serve a wide range of recreational needs of the entire O'ahu island population. The City and County of Honolulu's park and recreational facilities' standard for island-wide parks is eight (8) acres of park space per every 1,000 persons.¹ The classification and definition for Island-Based Parks are as follows:

- Regional Parks : Large areas that may serve the entire island or a region of the island and may include a variety of recreation park types and facilities, natural and cultural sites.
- Beach/
Shoreline Parks : Areas along or near the shoreline that may include facilities and support services for water activities, sunbathing, picnicking, and other passive recreational activities.
- Beach/Shoreline
Rights-of-Ways : Access lanes to beaches and to the shoreline where residential or other uses prevent development of a Beach/Shoreline Park. In areas where residential or other uses prevent full public access to the shoreline, beach rights-of-ways may be provided at an approximate interval of 1/2 mile.
- Nature Parks/
Reserves : Generally large areas maintained primarily to preserve or conserve the unique natural features. Includes nature preserves.
- Botanical Gardens : Areas developed for the recreational and educational appreciation of specific types of plants and plant communities.
- Golf Courses : Large, open, grassed areas developed for low cost public golfing.
- Zoological Parks : Areas developed for recreation, education, and the appreciation of animals.

¹ City and County of Honolulu, Department of Parks and Recreation. General Summary Report: The Long Range Plan. June 1980.

PARKS AND SITES CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM: DEFINITIONS

COMMUNITY-BASED PARKS:

Parks that generally serve the appropriate recreational needs of the residential areas of the island. The City's park and recreational facilities' standard for community-based parks is two (2) acres of park space per every 1,000 persons². However, this standard is more applicable to developing areas or where land shortages are not as acute as some older communities and should be considered flexible to meet the particular and reasonable needs of each community. Community-based parks are classified as follows:

- District Parks : Approximately 20 acres in size and serving approximately 25,000 people. Facilities may include playfields, playcourts, passive areas, a gymnasium/recreation complex, and swimming pool.
- Community Parks : Approximately 10 acres in size and serving approximately 10,000 people. Facilities may include playfields, playcourts, passive areas, and a recreation building.
- Neighborhood Parks : Approximately 6 acres in size and serving approximately 5,000 people. Facilities may include playfields, playcourts, passive areas, and a comfort station.
- Mini Parks : Small landscaped areas serving high density neighborhoods as well as high density business and industrial areas. Facilities may include benches, picnic tables, and a children's play area.
- Urban Parks : Passive landscaped areas including squares and triangles that are usually located in residential or business areas.

² *ibid.*

OTHER SITES:

- Malls** : Long, narrow pedestrian walkway in commercial areas. Facilities may include benches, drinking fountains, arbors, and landscaping.
- Miscellaneous** : Includes slide or slope areas, remnant parcels, community gardens, recreation centers, and plant nurseries.
- Traffic Related** : Small areas located near roadway intersections or along major roadways. Almost always under the jurisdiction of other departments and maintained by Department of Parks and Recreation. Sites include traffic triangles, traffic circles, medial strips and parking lots.