Community Gardens

offer clinics and lessons. The department also
discover the popularity of this sport at 16 different gardens throughout the park system.

Don’t have a space to garden at home? We have
domesticated areas to visit. With over 405 garden plots available
when fishing.

Fishing

Grab the rod and reel and head to a nearby park or

Fishing ponds can be found in Colonial Beatty, Freedom, Hornet’s Nest, Park Road and Reedy Creek

over 21,000 acres and 210 parks and facilities range from large
to small and contain nearly every type of recreational amenity. These include Recreation Centers, Nature Centers and Senior Centers offering tens of thousands of recreational, educational and nature-based programs, to special events, access to three lakes, world-class swimming facilities and golf courses. Whether you want to attend a live music event in uptown Charlotte at Romare Bearden Park, or explore the outdoors at a remote Nature Preserve, Park and Recreation has something for you!

Over 21,000 acres, 200+ parks, 250 athletic fields, 240 miles of trails, 190 playgrounds, 152 picnic shelters and countless other recreational amenities, you are sure
to find something active and fun to do nearby! Here is some information on popular things to do and unique places to visit.

Dog Parks

With six popular dog parks and more planned, you and your pooch are sure to have a great time. Each dog park has both large and small dog enclosures, where the dogs and can run free unleashed. Dogs and owners need to follow all posted rules and please remember, dogs must meet all guidelines and maintain current vaccinations to utilize the off-leash areas.

Playgrounds

With over 190 playgrounds in all shapes and sizes, children (and adults!) can experience non-stop play. Some of our favorite and most unique playgrounds include the Play60 Course at Freedom Park, the Play60 Challenge Course at Hornet’s Nest, the Nature Explorer Zone at Reedy Creek Park (next to the nature center) and the Rays Player playground at Nevin Park.

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Skate Parks

Skate parks are perfect for in-line skaters, skateboarders, plus BMX bikers. Grayson SkatePark features a flow/ street course complete with banks, transitions, corners and ledges. The almost 13,000 square foot facility boasts something for everyone – from beginner to extreme. The street course provides a variety of elements featuring banks, transitions, corners, rails and ledges. A multi-bowl ranging from 3 ½ to 10 ½ feet deep caters to the experienced bowl/vert crowd.

Spraygrounds

Outdoor spraygrounds are a great way to beat the heat in the summer. Bring the bathing suits and sunscreen and enjoy the day. Most have nearby shelters or picnic areas as well. Spraygrounds or water features to play in can be found at: Romare Bearden and First Ward Parks in uptown, Cordelia Park, Latta Park, Nevin Park, West Charlotte Park and the Captain Jack area on Little Sugar Creek Greenway. More are planned.

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Hours of Operation

Parks are open sunrise to sunset. Park gates will be open by 7:30 am. Parks with lighted facilities such as ball fields and tennis courts will remain open while reserved or in use but must close by 10:30 pm.

For a comprehensive look into what Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation has to offer, check out the website at www.parkandrec.com.

Better yet, visit a park with family and friends!
The Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is home to 210 parks and facilities located on more than 21,000+ acres of parkland throughout Mecklenburg County.

Parks in Mecklenburg County come in all shapes and sizes ranging from small neighborhood parks to large district parks. This map is only a sample of what Park and Recreation offers. For more information on these parks or the other 115 neighborhood parks, nature preserves, recreation centers or greenways, visit www.parkandrec.com