



Fishing

Two fully-stocked lakes are located in the Park.

Illinois hook and line regulations apply.

An Illinois fishing license is required for anyone who is 16 years and older.

A person with a valid Illinois Fishing License must accompany children under 16 years of age.

All types of bait may be used except for minnows.

There is a limit of six fish per day, per person.



Inclement Weather

Severe thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings are monitored closely. Announcements will be made

over the loud speakers throughout the Park when a storm watch is in effect and the weather is threatening. The swimming pool will be cleared and the Park will be closed when a storm warning is issued.



Picnicking and Food

Picnic tables, benches, charcoal grills, and 25 shelters with electrical outlets are located throughout the wooded areas of the Park. These can be used without reservations any time the Park is open.

There is one large shelter divided into three sections. These are referred to as the North Wing, South Wing, and West Wing shelters. Each shelter accommodates 200 people. To reserve these wings for State Farm business purposes, or personal use, please contact Activities at 766-9666. Some restrictions apply. Visit the Activities Web site at http://sfeuc.opr.statefarm.org/_ActivitiesFree/index.asp for more information.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the beachhouse.



Playgrounds

Three playgrounds are available for children. They are located by the southwest volleyball courts, the softball field shelter, and east of the oval area. Children must be accompanied by an adult when using either playground. Some of the playground equipment is age specific.



Parking and Bus Service

Cars, motorcycles, and motorbikes may be parked in marked blacktop areas near the Park entrance building, miniature golf course, volleyball courts, beachhouse, and softball fields. Court area patrons should use the east parking lot. Parking on the grass or along driveways is prohibited.

Bicycles may be parked in the designated racks near the beachhouse and court area. Bicycles should be kept locked at all times.

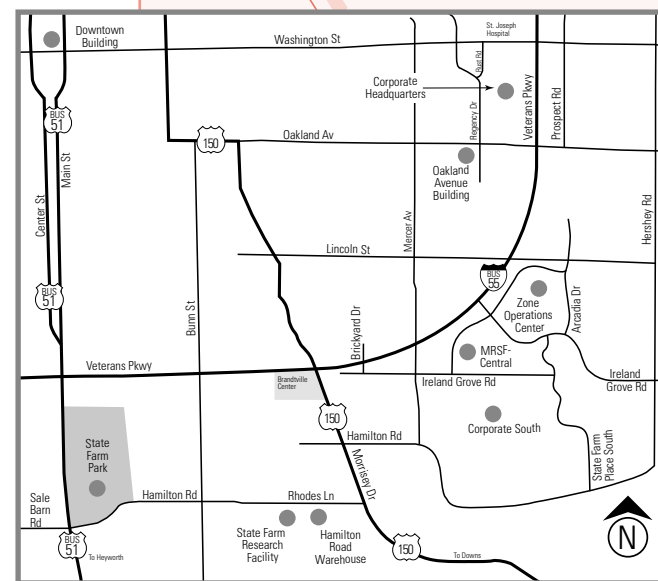
City bus service is available to Main Street and Hamilton Road, or Bunn Street and Hamilton Road. Call the municipal bus company for more information.



Lost and Found

Lost and Found is located at the beachhouse desk. If you lose something, please check with the desk staff immediately. Unclaimed items are donated to charity on a regular basis.

We reserve the right to change these policies during the year as circumstances warrant.



Park Phone Numbers

Activities Office	766-9666
Beachhouse	766-6208
Shelter	766-1354
Court Area	766-6289
Shelter Reservations	766-9666
Miniature Golf Course	766-0989
Park Entrance Building	735-9659
SFEA Sports Weather Hotline (information available by 3:30 p.m.)	766-1699
Supervisor of Building & Grounds	994-2101



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State Farm® Park

G.J. Mecherle Memorial Park





The Park

Our large employee base and growing family has grown to over 42,000. The Park is an employee benefit and is intended for use by employees, retirees, agents, and immediate family members with limited availability to guests. The Park has the following for you to enjoy:

- badminton
- sand volleyball
- basketball
- shuffleboard
- disc golf
- softball
- fishing
- swimming
- miniature golf
- tennis
- picnics
- volleyball-hard surface
- playgrounds
- walking/fitness trail

The Park is open year-round, daylight and weather permitting. Summer hours are from 6 a.m.–10 p.m. Each area within the park has specific hours and rules.



Admittance/Guest Privileges

To enter the Park, you MUST show your current company-issued badge, SFEA membership card, or special Park card to an attendant at the Park Entrance Building.

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older; or a responsible sibling who is at least 14 years old.

To make the Park more enjoyable for State Farm employees, guest privileges are available during the following days/times:

Sunday – Thursday, before 4 p.m.:

Two guests per family or single employee (not per cardholder).

Friday, Saturday, & Holidays, before 4 p.m.:

No guests are allowed (single employees may bring one guest at all times).

Daily, after 4 p.m.:

Two guests or one family unit are allowed per family or single employee (not per cardholder).

Guests who are visiting from outside McLean County may be eligible for guest passes during guest hours. Some restrictions apply. Visit the Activities Web site for more information on guest passes at http://sfeuc.opr.statefarm.org/_ActivitiesFree/index.asp. See the link “Request Park Passes” under General Information. Fill out the pass request form at least two weeks in advance.



Safety Regulations

The Park speed limit is 15 mph. Swimming, wading, and ice skating are not allowed in either lake. Ice fishing is only permitted when ice is 4" thick or greater.

First aid kits are kept at the first aid station, Park entrance building, shelter, beachhouse, court area equipment house, and swimming areas. First aid supplies are also available at locations where sporting events take place.

Park patrons assume responsibility for injuries sustained while at State Farm Park. Please report any injuries to a Park employee.

The following are not allowed in the Park:

- pets
- fireworks
- alcoholic beverages
- skateboards
- smoking
- r/c planes
- firearms
- roller blades/skates

Bicycles, motorbikes, and motorcycles are not allowed on jogging/walking paths.



Swimming Pool

Adult Pool and Tot Pool are open from Memorial Day Weekend (May 23) through Labor Day (September 7).

- Adult Pool is open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays through Saturdays during the entire pool season.
- Lifeguards are on duty during all swimming hours.
- Dressing rooms and showers are located in the beachhouse. Lockers are available. Locks are **not** provided. You may bring your own.
- Lap swim is available starting May 23.

Summer Hours: June 3 – August 16

Tot Pool: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Daily

Adult Pool:

Weekdays: 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. Lap Swim
 9 a.m. – Noon Day Camp
 Noon – 8 p.m. Open Swim (Mon. – Tues.)
 Noon – 9 p.m. Open Swim (Wed. – Fri.)

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Open Swim Saturday
 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Open Swim Sunday

* May 26 – 29, June 1 & 2 both pools will open at 4 p.m.

* May 30 & 31 pools will open at 10 a.m.

* August 17 – September 7 hours to be announced

Holiday Hours: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Open Swim

- Memorial Day (Observed)
- Independence Day
- Labor Day

Pool Rules

▪ All children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older; or a responsible sibling, who is at least 14 years old.

▪ Parents or guardians are responsible for supervising their children. Lifeguards are on duty to enforce rules and to respond in case of emergency.

▪ Wheeled shoes are not allowed in the pool area.

▪ Food is not allowed in the pool area.

▪ Beverages in paper cups or unbreakable containers are permitted on the pool deck.

▪ Swimmers must wear swimwear — cutoffs, T-shirts, and other additional clothing are not allowed.

▪ Babies and toddlers must wear plastic pants/swim diapers over their diapers.

▪ Any toys, equipment, or flotation devices brought into the pool must be approved by the pool supervisor.

▪ No horseplay or running will be allowed in the pool area.

▪ Street shoes are not allowed in the pool area.

▪ Only children who are within the posted height limit may use the Tot Pool. Adults or guardians must accompany children in this area.

▪ The Tot Pool slide must only be used in a sitting position.

Court Area

The court area equipment house is staffed according to the following schedule:

Spring and Fall Hours:

April 4 – May 22 and September 8 – October 4

Weekdays: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend (May 23) through Labor Day (September 7)

Daily: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.* * Open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.



Tennis Courts

▪ Five all-weather tennis courts and five clay tennis courts can be reserved for play beginning May 23.

▪ Reservations can be made for a maximum of one hour and a half of play. Courts are held for 15 minutes before the reservation is forfeited.

▪ Call or visit the court area to make reservations.

▪ Tennis balls are rotated and replaced only at the discretion of the court attendant. Players requiring new tennis balls may bring their own.

▪ Adults are given priority use on weekends, holidays, and after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Miscellaneous Courts

When courts are not reserved for league play or Day Camp, the following courts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Two volleyball courts
- One disc golf area
- One paddle tennis court
- Four sand volleyball courts
- One badminton court
- Six basketball goals
- Four shuffleboard courts

Equipment for tennis, volleyball, softball, badminton, paddle tennis, disc golf, basketball, and shuffleboard can be checked out at the equipment house with a current Park or Activities card.



Miniature Golf Course

Our 18-hole mini-golf course is staffed according to the following schedule:

Spring and Fall Hours:

April 4 – May 22 and September 8 – October 4

Weekdays: 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Weekends: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Memorial Day Weekend (May 23) through Labor Day (September 7)

Daily: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.* * Open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

▪ The mini-golf course is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

▪ A maximum of four players per group is allowed.

▪ There is a five stroke limit per hole.

▪ Only the equipment provided by the attendant may be used on the course.

▪ Beverages in paper cups or unbreakable containers may be carried on the course.

▪ Holes 1 – 6 and 16 – 18 are accessible to people with disabilities.

▪ Strollers are allowed only on holes 1 – 6 and 16 – 18.

▪ Shoes must be worn on the course.



Sports Areas

▪ Six volleyball courts located southwest of the shelter are available 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily and on the weekends.

▪ Three softball diamonds are used for league play daily after 3 p.m. Contact the Building and Grounds Supervisor to check availability.

▪ An outdoor fitness area, surrounded by a walking/jogging path, is located in the northeast section of the Park.

Sports areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis.