

# PARKS & RECREATION 430 N. 2ND St. • Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 | 573.686.8645

2025 ACTIVITIES GUIDE





Poplar Bluff Office: (573) 686-1200





### **SERVICES INCLUDE:**

#### MENTAL HEALTH

SUBSTANCE USE

DISORDER

Adult

- · Children & Adolescent
- Adult
- School Based Services

Children & Adolescent

Women & Children

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National Recreation & Park Association Missouri Park & Recreation Association

Our goal is to engage our wonderful community in various activities from the arts to athletics. We strive to keep everyone informed on how you can be involved in these community events. Parks and Recreation through our parks, trails, tournaments, sports, and activities can help provide health and economic benefits to our community. Please enjoy our recreation guide and the many opportunities our community has to offer.

#### **Corporate/Business Sponsorship**

As a participant or spectator in one of the many activities offered by Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation you may have wondered how you might be able to present your company name to the many participants of our programs. Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation offers interested businesses or individuals the chance to co-sponsor leagues, tournaments, special events, and much more. Potential sponsors are matched to an area of their interest for a fee to be determined by the program or event and its cost. As a sponsor, you will get equal billing as a co-sponsor with Parks and Recreation. Your name will appear on all media information, awards, and schedules. If you are interested in playing an active role in the community's recreational pursuits, please visit pbparks.recdesk.com, programs, sponsorship opportunities to see how you can help.

Sponsorships must be paid by the time games start.



#### **Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation**

430 North Second Street • Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

**OFFICE:** 573.686.8645 **FAX:** 573.686.8613 **HOTLINE:** 573.686.8000

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# Parks and Recreation Hotline **573.686.8000**

Call the Parks and Recreation Department Hotline to receive up-to-date information on program cancellations or postponements. When the weather is questionable, the hotline will tell you if your program will go as scheduled. Decisions on cancellations for evening activities due to inclement weather are made at 3:30 p.m. and the information will be announced on the hotline.

# Get up-to-date information about programs offered by Parks and Recreation

#### • pbparks.recdesk.com

Get up-to-date information about the Parks and Recreation programs. You can check your schedule, register and pay online, reserve pavillions, ballfields, etc. Game cancellations will be posted after 3:30 p.m. on our Facebook, Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation. If you need more information contact the Parks and Recreation Office, 573.686.8645.

# Find us on



Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation

#### Parks and Recreation Text Message Alerts

The best way to stay up-to-date on weather cancellations, registration deadlines, upcoming programs and events, and special announcements!



Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera app. Clink the link to jump straight to the Text Alert Sign Up site.

#### How to Sign up:

#### **Cell Phone:**

Go to pbparks.recdesk.com. Scroll to the bottom of the page, select the brown square that reads "Text Alert Sign Up."

#### Desktop:

Go to pbparks.recdesk.com, in the top right corner of the bar click on "Sign up for text notifications!"

#### Text Messaging Sponsored by:





#### SEASON PASSES

Unlimited Green Fee Pass. Cart Fees included, except junior Passes which is walking rate only. Passes Limited to 27 holes per day. With additional Cart fee for extra golf.

**Family Pass** | \$1900 (lives in the same household Children not older than 21 Unless in College) Individual Pass | \$1750 Junior Pass | \$400 (15 & Younger)

#### **REGULAR RATES WITH GOLF CART**

Days | 18 Holes | 9 Holes Monday-Friday | \$40 | \$25 Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays | \$45 | \$30

#### **GOLF CART RENTALS (PER PERSON)**

Rate | 18 Holes | 9 Holes Regular Rate | \$20 | \$10 Riders | \$20 | \$10

#### **RENTAL CLUBS**

Rental Clubs are available for \$10/Set

#### **RANGE BALLS**

Range Balls are available for \$5/Bag.



Host your tournament at Ozark Ridge Golf Course! Tournament Rates are available. Please call: 573.686.8634 to reserve your spot! 3045 Cravens Road Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Open year round except Thanksgiving & Christmas

Phone: 573.686.8634

https://www.ozarkridgegolf.com

Find us on OzarkRidgeGolfCourse



#### **OZARK RIDGE GOLF COURSE**

Ozark Ridge Golf Course is an 18-hole, championship golf course that's gaining a reputation as one of the finest public courses in the Mid-South. Terrific features, such as large bent grass greens, protective bunkers, tree lined fairways, and a large driving range, just to name a few. There is a fully stocked pro shop with all the latest golf equipment and clothing on hand, and a snack bar where you can get a sandwich and beverage.

- Public Course
   Large Driving Range
   Pro Shop
   Golf Cart Rental
   Yearly Passes Available
- Snack Bar including sandwiches
   Beverages and Adult Beverages

The course is open from 8:00am to dusk!

Summer Hours 7:30am - 8pm • 573.686.8634

3045 Cravens Rd, Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

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APRIL	Men's League Begins
ΑÞ	Poplar Bluff School Foundation (4 Person Scramble)
	Semo Seniors
MAY	Palace of Praise (4 Person Scramble)
_	Wine & 9 (4 Ladies Scramble)   hosted by Chamber of Commerce
	Eric Summers Memorial (4 Person Scramble)
JONE	City Employees Tournament
7	Eagles State Tournament (4 Person Scramble)
	Shriners Golf Tournament (4 Person Scramble)
ER ER	Briggs Golf Tournament
SEPTEMBER	Foster Kids Adopt (4 Person Scramble)
	Fisk Open (4 Person Scramble)
SE	Elks (4 Person Scramble)
ОСТ	Kiwanis (4 Person Scramble)
ŏ	Eagles (4 Person Scramble)

For specific information on each event call Bobby Godwin and staff at: 573.686.8634

Follow us on Facebook at Ozark Ridge Golf Course and ozarkridge.recdesk.com

**Recreation Guide 2025** 

#### **GENERAL ORGANIZATIONAL RULES**

All participants must register online at pbparks.recdesk.com and have verification of date of birth on file at the Parks Office. Parents must submit a copy of a birth certificate for all first-year participants in a Parks and Recreation youth program, and/or for other participants upon request. Birth certificates may be emailed to info@pbparks.org

All teams will be organized by the rules set forth by the Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation. A registration form must be completed for each child. Brothers/Sisters who fall into the same age group must state on the registration form that the children are siblings residing in the same household and need to be placed on the same team. It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to notify Parks and Recreation of their desire for the children to be placed on the same team. \*Special requests for youth that are not brothers or sisters to be placed on the same team will not be allowed. \*\*Proof of residency must be provided upon request.









#### **NEW WAY TO REGISTER**

- 1. Go to pbparks.recdesk.com
- Sign-in or Create an Account and add household members\*You must create an account to register for any sport or activity.
- 3. Click "Programs" at the top of the page. Select a Program of your choice and click "Register Now." Fill out the form and click "Save" to add the activity to your "Cart." You <u>must</u> check out and make payment to complete the registration process. Spots in programs are not guaranteed until the check out process is complete. You will receive a confirmation email.
- **4.** Email your child's birth certificate to info@pbparks.org \*Children must have a BC on file to participate.

#### INTERESTED IN COACHING OR SPONSORING ...

- 1. Complete Steps 1 and 2 listed above.
- 2. Go to Programs, Coach/Sponsor and fill out the appropriate forms.
- Coaches must have a background check on file at the park office.
   Background checks are good for 3 years. To complete a background check free of charge go to poplarbluffparksandrecreation.quickapp.pro.





#### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

Registration: March 3-28, 2025 || Registration Fee: \$20

Registration is available at: pbparks.recdesk.com (Paper forms are no longer available)

Registration notices will be distributed to all schools in the Poplar Bluff R-1 School District. Pre-season practices will begin mid-April, with league games starting in May.

#### Summer Baseball/Softball League is open for INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS ONLY.

\*\*For children who will be 4 years old but who will not turn 15 years old before April 1, 2025. All leagues will carry a 10-14 child roster. Coach's get 5 picks which includes their child. Team Sponsorships cost \$100 in addition to the cost of T-shirts and caps.

#### 2025: SUMMER BALL LEAGUES

Tee-ball League	4 & under (3-4 years)	Coed	Tee-ball
Coach Pitch League	6 & under (5-6 years)	Coed	Tee-ball/Coach Pitch
Rookie League	8 & under (7-8 years)	Boys	Pitching Machine
Rookie League	8 & under (7-8 years)	Girls	Pitching Machine
Civic League	10 & under (9-10 years)	Boys	Live Arm
Sub-Junior	10 & under (9-10 years)	Girls	Pitching Machine
Little League	12 & under (11-12 years)	Boys	Live Arm
Junior League	12 & under (11-12 years)	Girls	Pitching Machine
Pony League	14 & under (13-14 years)	Boys	Live Arm
Senior League	14 & under (13-14 years)	Girls	Live Arm

#### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL FALL LEAGUE

Registration: July 1-18, 2025 || Team Registration Fee: \$220-\$280 per team

Registration is available at: pbparks.recdesk.com (Paper forms are no longer available)

Pre-season practice will begin mid-August, with league games starting in September.

#### Fall Baseball/Softball League is open for TEAM REGISTRATION ONLY.

\*\*For children who will be 7 years old but who will not turn 13 years old before April 1, 2025. COACHES MUST register their team by submitting an 11-player minimum, 14-player maximum roster and paying the team fee (\$20 per child).

PARENTS MUST register their child individually at pbparks.recdesk.com.

Team Sponsorships cost \$100 in addition to the cost of t-shirts and caps.

(See league table for Fall League on the next page.)

#### 2025: FALL BALL LEAGUES

Rookie League	8 & under (7-8 years)	Boys	Pitching Machine
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Sub-Junior	10 & under (9-10 years)	Girls	Pitching Machine
Little League	12 & under (11-12 years)	Boys	Live Arm
Junior League	12 & under (11-12 years)	Girls	Live Arm



#### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL POLICIES

Registration and sponsorship fees MUST be paid by the registration deadline.

#### Failure to do so may result in games being forfeited.

The age division for all participants will be determined by their age as of April 1 of the current year. No exceptions allowed. The full roster batting order and unlimited substitutions will be used in all youth leagues. All players must play a minimum of every other inning in the field. Players must furnish their own gloves and shoes. Team sponsors provide shirts, caps and equipment. Metal spikes are not permitted.

Civic, Sub-Junior Girls, and Junior League use four outfielders and pitching machines for increased participation. Little League and Junior Girls may play a split season of machine/live arm. Summer Baseball/ Softball: Registrations are open to the public and all children registered by the deadline will be placed on a team. Coaches are allowed only five (5) which includes their child. A player's pool of late registrations will be assigned by team needs using a process set forth by the Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation. Late registrations are not guaranteed assignment to a team.

Fall Baseball/Softball: Registration is open for team registrations only. Coaches are required to register an 11-player minimum; 14 player maximum roster and pay the team fee. Summer League coaches are encouraged to register their teams for this league.



#### **OUR MISSION:**

To provide sports services at no cost to the persons with mental and physical developmental disabilities, creating a support network for individuals, families and the community.

For more information contact: Alex Tinker, 573.429.2742 or Lisa Collins, 573.300.5747. Find us on Facebook: **PBBuddyBall** 



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#### **OPTIMIST SOCCER LEAGUE**

The Optimist Soccer League plays its games at Whiteley Park and practices are held at both Whiteley Park and Black River Park. Register and pay online at pbparks.recdesk.com

Website: www.pbosl.com Questions? Email: sjbarker24@gmail.com Spring Registration: January 27 - February 21, 2025 | Girls & Boys • Grades: K-6 Registration Fee: \$25 Team Sponsorship: \$225

Games will start the week of March 24, 2025.

Fall Registration: August 1 - September 1, 2025 || Girls & Boys • 4yrs-8th Grades

Registration Fee: \$30 Team Sponsorship: \$250

Games will start the week of September 22, 2025.





#### CHALLENGER INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CAMP

June 9-13, 2025 - Whiteley Park

TINYTYKES || 8:00am-8:45am || 2-5 year olds || 45 minutes per day || \$99 A fun introduction to soccer, includes games and activities to introduce and develop coordination, balance, running, kicking and dribbling.



TinyTykes is an exciting child development program delivered through soccer. Our soccer and child development professionals have designed an innovative curriculum that takes children on 'Immersive Interactive Adventures' through fun and exciting themes.

AM SESSION | | 9am - 12pm | | 6-16 year olds | | 3 hours per day | | \$150 PM SESSION || 5:30pm - 8:30pm || 6-16 year olds || 3 hours per day || \$130

AM & PM Sessions have an emphasis placed upon individual skill development, small-side games, and having fun!

#### THE CAMP FEATURES:

- Cultural Education/Experience (Coaches are recruited Internationally, predominantly from the UK)
- FUNdamental Skills (Each day will focus on a new skill Dribbling, Passing, Striking etc.)
- Ball Mastery
- Champions of Character (Kids will learn The Core Values of Sportsmanship, Integrity, Respect, Leadership and Responsibility in sport)
- The World Cup (Each child is assigned a team and will learn about that country throughout the week, leading up to Flag Friday where we encourage parent participation to really make that last day of camp a celebration!)

Challenger Sports, the leading soccer camp company in North America, is excited to announce it's returning to Poplar Bluff in the summer of 2024. This camp program, using international staff will accelerate the learning process of young players! The Challenger International Soccer Camp reflects the truly global nature of the sport today and will provide young players with a wide variety of coaching styles, practices, and influences that will help them develop a well-rounded skill set.

Each program includes: Soccer Ball, T-shirts, & Camper Evaluation Free International Soccer Jersey (register early online 30 days prior to camp)

REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.CHALLENGERSPORTS.COM



#### 1<sup>ST</sup>-2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE COED BASKETBALL CAMP

Registration: October 27 - November 14, 2025 Cost: \$20

All students currently enrolled in first and second grade are eligible to participate in this camp. Camp sessions will be held for 3 weeks, 2 sessions per week Monday through Friday. Camp will be held the weeks of 11/17, 12/1, and 12/8 at the Poplar Bluff Middle School. \*\*Specific session dates and times for each week are to be determined.



#### 3<sup>RD</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration: September 1-19, 2024 || Cost: \$20 All students currently enrolled in third through sixth grades are eligible to play in this league. Games will begin late October, first of November at the Black River Coliseum.

#### KINDERHOOPS CAMP

Registration: November 17 - December 19, 2025 Cost: \$20

All students currently enrolled in kindergarden are eligible to participate in this camp. Camp sessions will be held for 2 weeks, 2 sessions per week, Monday - Friday. Camp will be held the weeks of 1/5 and 1/12 . \*\*Specific session dates and times are to be determined.





#### **RIB CITY CLASSIC**

#### 2025 CAPE GIRARDEAU / DEXTER / PB LOCATIONS

May 24-25	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/DexterSchools
May 30-31	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
June 5-6	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
June 11-12	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
June 13-14	Girls Volleyball @ Cape SportsPlex
June 13-14	Boys Basketball @ Cape SportsPlex
June 17-18	Girls Basketball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
June 18-20	Boys Basketball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
June 24-25	Girls Volleyball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/DexterSchools
June 25-26	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center
July 7-8	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/Dexter Schools
July 10-11	Girls Volleyball @ Cape SportsPlex
July 14-15	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/Dexter Schools
July 14-15	Girls Volleyball @ Poplar Bluff Black River Coliseum/Three Rivers College
July 16-18	Girls Volleyball @ Cape SportsPlex
July 21-22	Boys & Girls Basketball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/Dexter Schools
July 21-22	Girls Volleyball @ Dexter Bearcat Event Center/Dexter Schools
July 23-24	Girls Volleyball @ Cape SportsPlex
July 30-31	Girls Volleyball @ Cape SportsPlex

**BASKETBALL COST:** \$300 per team for the two-day camp.

VOLLEYBALL COST: \$165 per day.

There is no limit to the number of players per team. One team = one price. We are proud to open these Shootouts to varsity, junior varsity, middle school, and 6th grade teams. We would appreciate your assistance in providing us with a deposit of \$50 per team by May 15, for the May and June Shootouts, and June 15, for the July Shootouts. This will allow us to better prepare for your team(s) participation.

#### FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE PLEASE CONTACT:

CHADALLEN CELL: 573.421.4571 EMAIL: RIBCITYSHOOTOUT@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.RIBCITYSHOOTOUT.COM

The Rib City Shootouts started in 2010. The shootouts were developed to fulfill a need for summer shootouts in Southeast Missouri. We have grown from 65 teams our first year to over 800 teams this past summer. Our locations provide the opportunity for teams to play others in regions and states they would normally not compete against. We are anticipating having over 1000 teams this summer.





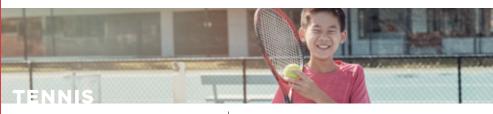


#### **GIRLS & BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Registration: December 15, 2025 - January 9, 2026 || Cost: \$20

Games will be played in February.

Bump, Set, SPIKE! Girls and Boys who are presently in grades 3 - 6 are eligible to take part in the Parks and Recreation volleyball program. The program will be offered in clinic/league format with an emphasis on skills building, fun, and exciting volleyball competition.



#### **TENNIS LEAGUE**

Participants must be 14 years of age as of January 1, 2025 and able to play in matches independently.

Spring Registration: February 3 - 21, 2025

Cost: \$30

Women's League Play starts March 1, 2025.

Summer Registration: April 14 - May 2, 2025

Cost: \$30

Coed League Play starts May 19, 2025.

Fall Registration: August 4-22, 2025

Cost: \$30

Coed League Play starts September 1, 2025.

#### **JUNIOR TENNIS TRAINING**

Registration: August 4-22, 2025 || Cost: \$20

Our goal is to provide 4th-9th graders an opportunity to develop tennis fundamentals in a fun low-pressure environment. Training sessions will be held each Thursday from September 4 to October 7, 2025, from 6pm-7pm at Hillcrest Park Courts.

#### **USTA YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC**

Participants must be in Kindergarten - 8th grade during the 2025-2026 school year.

Registration: May 5 - 23, 2025

Cost: \$20 (+1 can of Penn or Wilson tennis balls.)

\*Bring tennis balls the first day of the clinic.

Clinical Sessions will be held Monday Thursday June 2-13, 2025, at Hillcrest Park
Courts. Friday June 6 and June 13 will be
available in the event of a rain out.
The USTA Youth Tennis Program is an entry
level Public recreation tennis program
for youth. USTA Youth Tennis is a popular
format that places emphasis on skill
development, low-key competition, and
most importantly FUN!



Tentative Schedule (\*Based on the number of participants.)

K-1st grade: 8am-8:45am
2nd/3rd grade: 8:45am-9:30am
4th/5th grade: 9:30am-10:45am
6th,7th,8th grade: 10:45am - 12pm







#### POPLAR BLUFF YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL - PARK DEPARTMENT

Registration: July 1 - August 15, 2025 | Registration Fee: \$20 | Boys & Girls | 1st-4th grade

It's the start for the future of Poplar Bluff football. The opportunity of learning the basic fundamentals of the sport through flag football. It's a great start for the kids who have never played before to learn the game at this level and its lots of fun. They get to interact with their fellow friends as well as hanging out with some of the Varsity football players. There is also a three-day summer camp to introduce them to the sport before the season officially starts. The goal for this league is to see these athletes playing on Friday nights because of the success of youth football.

Camp Dates: (Attendance is not required to participate in the league)

July 28, 29, & 30, 2025 || Poplar Bluff High School Stadium || 6pm - 7pm

League Dates:

Saturdays, September 6 - October 11, 2025 || Poplar Bluff Junior High Stadium

1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> grade: 11AM 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> grade: 12PM



#### POPLAR BLUFF BOY'S & GIRLS YOUTH WRESTLING

Registration: December 1 - 19, 2025 | Registration Fee: \$30 (\$15 for each additional sibling)
League will run January 6 - February 12, 2026

Boys and girls who are presently enrolled in grades K - 6 are eligible to take part in this program.
This camp is powered by the Poplar Bluff High
School Wrestling. The goal is for youth to learn the
fundamentals of wrestling and the core of the PB
Wrestling philosophy. The program will be offered
in clinic/tournament format and will be held at the
Poplar Bluff Senior High School wrestling room.





#### **POPLAR BLUFF YOUTH TRACK & FIELD CLUB**

Registration: February 10 - March 7, 2025 | Poplar Bluff Junior High Track

Cost: \$25 for first Athlete • \$10 Additional Athletes || Meet Fees: \$7 per meet (covered by PB Parks & Recreation)

The Poplar Bluff Youth Track and Field Club is a comprehensive program designed for
young athletes in the Poplar Bluff area. The program provides training and competition
opportunities for youth boys and girls in a variety of track and field events. Our experienced
coaches will work with each athlete to help them develop their skills and reach their full
potential. The program includes regular practices and competitions, as well as access
to top-of-the-line equipment and facilities. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced
competitor, the Poplar Bluff Youth Track and Field Club is the perfect place to take your
athletic abilities to the next level. Join us today and experience the thrill of competition and

Practices will be held March through May. Meeting will be held in April and May.

For More information contact:

Rosa Johnson: 573.200.5926 Email: rosajohnson0323@gmail.com

the satisfaction of personal achievement!

Find us on 
Poplar Bluff Youth Track Club



"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be BRAVE in the attempt."



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For more information or to volunteer at the meet contact:

Penny Williams, at the Southeast Area Office | 573.339.6733 | email: williams@somo.org





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- Earn \$5 per quarter for being on the Honor Roll
  - Educational tools to help your children learn financial responsibility.

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Membership Eligibility Required.

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#### **ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL MEN'S & WOMEN'S LEAGUES**

Team Registration: March 3 - 28, 2025 Fee: \$350 per team

Leagues will be offered if four or more teams register. Women's league may be divided into 2 divisions, A and B. The men's league will begin play late May at Hillcrest Park and the women's league will begin play late May at McLane Park.

#### **MEN'S SUMMER CHURCH LEAGUE**

Team Registration: March 3 - 28, 2025

Fee: \$400 per team

#### **ADULT FALL SOFTBALL WOMEN'S & COED LEAGUES**

Team Registration: June 30 - July 18, 2025

Fee: \$350 per team

Leagues will be offered if four or more teams register. League play will begin late August at McLane Sports Complex and/or Hillcrest Park.

#### **MEN'S FALL CHURCH LEAGUE**

Team Registration: June 30 - July 18, 2025 Fee: \$400 per team

Seasons will include a minimum of ten games and at least a single elimination tournament.



#### **ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

Registration: September 29 - October 17, 2025 Fee: \$300 per team

A Women's A, Women's B, and a Coed Volleyball League will be offered in the Fall if four or more teams register. League play begins in early November. For more information contact Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation at 573,686,8645.





Parks & Recreation and the well-being of our community





Piedmont | Van Buren | Greenville | Williamsville | Puxico 4 Poplar Bluff Locations | 2 Columbia Locations



R.W. Huntington Pool Hours 2024						
	11:00 - 11:45	12:00	1 2 3 4 5		5:30 - 6:15	6:30 7:30 8:30
Monday	Swim Lessons	Lap Swim	Open Swim		Swim Lessons	Pool Party
Tuesday	Swim Lessons	Lap Swim	Open Swim		Swim Lessons	Pool Party
Wednesday	Swim Lessons	Lap Swim	Open Swim		Swim Lessons	Pool Party
Thursday	Swim Lessons	Lap Swim	Open Swim		Swim Lessons	Family Swim Night
Friday	Swim Lessons	Lap Swim	Open Swim		Swim Lessons	Pool Party
Saturday		Lap Swim	Open Swim		Pool Party (5:30	
Sunday			Open Swim		Pool Party (5:30	- 7:30)

#### **LAP SWIMMING**

Lap swim is held every Monday through Saturday from noon until 1p.m. The fitness minded may swim their laps during this time without interruption from recreational swimmers. This program is strictly for lap swimmers. \$2.00 per person. No children admitted who are not able to swim the full length of the pool.

Lap swimmers now have the option of staying all day. For \$4 lap swimmers are welcome to stay 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lanes will be marked for the duration of the day.

#### **OPEN SWIM**

\$4 per person, 3 & under free. 1-5 p.m. daily.

#### **\$2 THURSDAYS**

Bring your family to the pool on Thursdays to enjoy half off admission to open swim, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m! Children 3 & under are free with a paid adult. All children must be accompanied and supervised by a parent.

Dates are:

June: 5, 12, 19, 26 July: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

August: 7

#### **POOL PARTIES**

#### Cost: \$125 for a basic party || \$175 for a private party

These include up to 30 swimmers for the duration of 2 hours. Hours for parties are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 6:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturday & Sunday: 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

\*\*Parties may choose to rent the pool during operating hours for a basic party. The cost is \$80 for 2 hours. Includes up to 15 swimmers and pavilion rental.

**Pavilion:** \$50 to rent during operation times. (Does not include admission.)

Visit pbparks.recdesk.com to schedule date.

#### **POOL PASS**

#### Best Value in Summer Swimming

The pass may be used as often as desired for the entire season. Includes all recreational and lap swim programs.

#### Cost for the season pass is:

Individual: \$75 Family: \$100

(Immediate Family members living in the same household.) Everyone in household with proof of residency may be on a family membership. Up to 4 members may be on a plan; more than 4 will increase rate by \$10.00 per person.

A word to parents, our lifeguards are highly trained and skilled. Their jobs are to assist in making our facilities a safe place to bring the family. However, they are not babysitters. Parents are expected to watch their children and to assist in enforcing the policies for the safety and enjoyment of all patrons. In addition, all children under age 7 must be accompanied and supervised by a paying adult.

#### **FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL**

Father's swim FREE with one paid child all day on Father's Day, June 15, 2025.

#### **SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE**

Swim lessons are available for 7 weeks during the summer. Parents can choose a day of the week that works best and decide between morning or evening sessions. Once enrolled, students will attend two lessons per week for the full 6-week program. The cost is \$40 per child for the entire summer.

Days are: Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday

Times: 11:00 - 11:45 am or 5:30 -6:15 pm Dates will run June 9th and end July 24th

#### **PRIVATE ADULT SWIM LESSONS**

Available June 2 - July 18 // Cost: \$40 for 3 sessions

This is a beginner level swimming class.
Perfect for the adult who does not know how to swim or who is afraid of the water.
Adult lessons will be in the evenings only.
To schedule private lessons please email ksowell@pbparks.org. Cost varies based on time and instructor.

#### **WATER AEROBICS**

Date: June 2 - August 15 // Noon - 12:45pm Cost: Full Session \$60 Season Pass Walk- ins \$3 (per session)

Beat the heat and exercise at the same time. This water aerobic exercise program is designed for stretching, toning, flexibility, cardiovascular fitness and fun. This 45-minute program is designed to meet all the guidelines of a well-balanced aerobic workout. No swimming experience is required.

Cancellation due to inclement weather is at the discretion of the aquatics supervisor.

#### **PRIVATE LESSONS**

We offer private lessons for children and families who prefer 1 to 1 participant to instructor ratios, children with special needs, or if our regular swim lessons schedule does not work with families. To schedule private lessons please email ksowell@pbparks.org. Cost varies based on time and instructor.

#### **CPR CLASSES**

Classes available upon request. (A two-week notice is required to get the class scheduled.) // Cost: \$75

#### Attendance at class is required for certification.

Our American Red Cross CPR classes take just a few short hours, but the skills you'll learn during the process can make all the difference to someone in need. Whether you require certification, or you simply want to learn how to respond in the event of an emergency, our in-person, best-in-class blended learning courses make it easy to get CPR certified and be prepared for the moments that matter. Participants must be able to attend all classes.

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS LIFEGUARD TRAINING

Date: June 9 - 11 // 8:00am - 5:00pm Registration: April 7 - May 16, 2025 // Cost: \$180

#### Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.

Lifeguard with Waterpark Certification:
Minimum age 15. Ability to swim 300 meters
(100 meters front crawl with rhythmic
breathing, 100 meters breaststroke, 100
meters either front crawl or breaststroke).
Must swim 25 yards, retrieve 10 lb. brick and swim back with no hands, face staying at the surface of the water for 1 minute and 40 seconds. No goggles allowed for this. Tread water for 2 minutes with no hands (hands must be placed in arm pits.)

For updates, cancellations and information on swim lessons please follow Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/PoplarBluffParksandRecreation or on our website pbparks.org

## BABYSITTING & CHILD CARE TRAINING (6 WEEK PROGRAM)

Registration: April 7 - May 30, 2025 || Cost: \$75 Classes will be held on Fridays (6 Week Program) Class Time: 8am - 10am For ages 12-14 years. Class dates: June 13, 20, 27 || July 11, 18, 25 The American Red Cross is the nation's leader in babysitting classes and childcare training – and will prepare youth to be the best sitter in their neighborhood. In fact, 8 in 10 parents surveyed said they would pay more for a trained babysitter who holds Red Cross babysitter certifications. Start your babysitting business on the right foot and learn how to be a safe, professional and reliable sitter. Designed for new babysitters, this Red Cross childcare training course will allow youth to gain the skills necessary to care for kids of all ages. It will help participants develop leadership skills, build their business, help keep themselves and others safe, learn basic childcare and basic first aid. The course will be taught according to skill level. Must be able to attend all

Minimum of 5 and Maximum of 10 participants.

classes to receive certification!

Class can be combined with Junior Lifeguard Training classes for \$125 per participant.

## JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM (6 WEEK PROGRAM)

Registration: April 7 - May 30, 2024 | | Cost: \$75
Classes will be held on Fridays (6 Week Program)
For ages 12-14 years. Class Time: 10am - 12pm
Class dates: June 13, 20, 27 | July 11, 18, 25
In Junior Lifeguarding Camp learn basic water rescues, valuable CPR and First
Aid skills, and much more about the many roles of the Professional Lifeguard.
Minimum requirements: Age 12-14. Swim 50 yards continuously using freestyle and breaststroke. Tread water for a minimum of 1 minute. Retrieve a 10-pound block from the bottom of pool.

Minimum of 5 and Maximum of 10 participants.

Class can be combined with Babysitting and Child Care Training classes for \$125 per participant.



# (LGI) LIFEGUARD INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Date: June 16 - 18, 2025

Registration: April 7 - June 6, 2025 // Cost: \$190 Online training will be included with this class. Teach the skills that save lives. Learn how to train qualified men & women to become skilled & competent lifeguards. Course content will prepare instructor candidates to teach: Basic Level Lifequard Training, Shallow Water Attendant, Lifeguard Management, CPR/AED for Lifeguards, Administer-Transmission & Basic Water Rescue. Total hours 26. Certificate: Lifeguard Training Instructor valid for 2 years. Initial authorization may be for less. Prerequisites: Must be 17 years of age by end of class; successfully complete pre-course Lifeguard Training written exam & demonstrate competency in Lifeguard Training pre-course swimming skills & scenarios. Successfully completed Fundamental Instructor Training.

# (WSI) WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Date: June 23 - 25, 2025

learning with it.

Registration: April 7 - June 6, 2025 | Cost: \$175
This course is designed to certify students as American Red Cross Water Safety
Instructors. Students completing this course will be eligible to teach all the Youth Lesson progressions, Parent and Child Lessons, Community Water Safety, and WSI aide. Instructor candidates will learn how to use program materials effectively, plan and conduct courses. Students must have completed the Fundamentals of Instructor Training Course before enrolling in this course. This course will have blended



#### **POPLAR BLUFF SWIM TEAM PIRANHAS**

Online registration begins April 1, 2025 at pbst.swimtopia.com
Youth ages from 5 - 18 years old are welcome.
Participants can learn from professional coaches
the different strokes and techniques of swimming.
The swim team will compete at meets that are held



on Saturdays during the summer season in June & July. Athletes will be required to swim full length of pool before competing at meets.

Practices are held mornings at the R.W. Huntington Municipal Swimming Pool and/or The Black River Coliseum subject to weather. Come join in the fun and family friendly Poplar Bluff Swim Team. For more information, contact Shannon Bradley @ 573.718.9990, visit pbst.swimtopia.com, or Poplar Bluff Piranhas Swim Team on Facebook.



#### Pre-requisites:

- Must be 15 years old by the end of the course (provide ID).
- Swim 300 yards
- Tread water 2
- Swim a timed event in 1:40: swim 20 with brick, exit pool.

Lifeguard Training, CPR, certification provided upon passing the



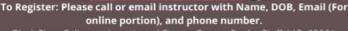
American Lifeguard Training Course

#### To achieve certification:

- · Attend all course days
- Complete online
- Pass pre-test.

Course Days & Times:

contact Taylor Thompson 573.686.8009



Black River Coliseum Aquatic and Fitness Center, Poplar Bluff, MO, 63901 Instructor: Taylor Thompson tthompson@blackrivercoliseum.com Cost: \$100 Can pay Cash, Credit card, or Check only made payable to Black River









Come down to the The Black River Coliseum Aquatic & Fitness Center to celebrate your birthday with all your friends and family. Give us a call for pricing, more information and get your party booked with us 573-686-8009.

Basic Party (\$150)

Private Party (\$200)

Mon-Fri 5:00pm-7:00pm

Mon-Fri 7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday 11:00am-1:00pm 1:30pm-3:30pm

4:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm-2:00pm 2:30pm-4:30pm

Saturday 6:30pm-8:30pm

Sunday 5:00pm-7:00pm

#### "To spread the Power of Inclusion and create an impact on our community."









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SINGLE

\$100 +



- · Featured on the website
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TRIPLE

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HOME RUN

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**GRAND SLAM** 

\$10.000 +

Robert's Adventure Playground at McLane Park was inspired by the determination of Julie Limpert (Hillis). Mrs. Limpert continued to push for an All Abilities Playground at McLane Park, and along with other community members, this project came to fruition. The name of the playground references Robert Rowland, a young man that passed away in 2016 at the age of 17. Robert was an outgoing, happy and courageous young man that did not let Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy dictate his demeanor.

With the blessing of the family, the playground gained its name in honor of him. Several other individuals with special needs have been the driving force behind creating this playground, the second of its kind in Poplar Bluff (Kiwanis Bacon Park). This playground is available to all children and adults, and does not exclude anyone because of disability. The spirit and inspiration of inclusion will continue to live on, through this playground and the efforts of the Poplar Bluff Community for many years to come.

In Memory of Robert Thomas Rowland December 4,1998 - August 23, 2016.



#### **McLANE PARK**

#### 474 Highway W, Poplar Bluff, MO

McLane Park offers a 0.9 mile outer loop and a 1/4 mile small loop, which can be combined for a 1.15 mile large loop. There is a beautiful pond, opportunities to view wildlife and is family and dog friendly.

#### **SHELBY TRAIL**

McLane Park: 474 Highway W, Poplar Bluff, MO
Shelby Trail is a 5 mile paved trail that
connects McLane Park across town to

Highway 53. The trail is pet friendly, great for long distance walking, biking or running and ties in with local restaurants, businesses and Three Rivers College.



#### **KIWANIS BACON PARK**

#### 1471 - 1489 W. Harper St., Poplar Bluff, MO

Owned by the Kiwanis Club, this park is located on Harper Street behind the Poplar Bluff Middle School. This trail is part of the Poplar Bluff Greenway; it connects to Hendrickson Park. The loop at Bacon Park is 1/2 mile. This park has an all inclusive playground.



#### **HENDRICKSON PARK**

#### 1200 W. Davis St., Poplar Bluff, MO

This walking trail was expanded and starts behind First Midwest Bank and extends through Bacon Park, Hendrickson Park and to the city cemetery. It is 1.22 miles. The loop at Hendrickson Park is 0.56 miles. This park is dog friendly with two playgrounds.

#### **WOLF CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

**U.S. Forest Service** 

North Trailhead – Co Rd 429, Poplar Bluff, MO South Trailhead – 2955 Co Rd 447, Poplar Bluff, MO

The local Poplar Bluff Ranger District, Mark Twain National Forest, has developed a 21-mile multi-purpose bicycle trail system north of Poplar Bluff in partnership with the Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Department, Missouri Department of Natural Resources and other partners. The Wolf Creek Mountain Bicycle Trail is available for cycling, as well as hiking and trail running. The trail system is generally west of Highway 67, approximately 2 miles northwest of Poplar Bluff between Highway PP and Highway 67 North on both sides of Forest System Road (FSR) 3107 (Wolf Creek Road). The trail is pet friendly with restrooms at the North Trailhead, maps and parking. Use safety precautions before using this trail. The location was chosen based on its close proximity to the city and recommendations of local cyclists.



Maps are available at the Poplar Bluff Ranger District office. To obtain further information about the trail system, contact Poplar Bluff Ranger District at 573.785.1475 or visit https://www.fs.usda.gov/mtnf for more information.





# 2025 5k Geries Poplar Bluff



# PARKS & RECREATION

	5K SERIES	
3/15	Lucky Leprechaun's Rotary Ramble McLane Park - 11am	\$30
4/12	Garden Party Gallop Hendrickson Park - 10am	\$10
5/10	May Day 5k Hendrickson Park - 10am	\$10
7/4	Red, White, & Run The Rodger's Theater - 7:30am	\$25
11/8	Turkey Tumble Hendrickson Park - 10am	\$25
12/6	Grouchy Grinch Run McLane Park - 10am	\$10

To receive a t-shirt you must register 1 week prior to the run at pbparks.recdesk.com.

Register for the entire series and run in the Grouchy **Grinch Run for FREE.** 





CHECK-IN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO RUN TIME.

#### Running for a cause...

Lucky Leprechaun's Rotary Ramble hosted by PB Rotary Club benefits Robert's Adventure Playground & RYLA Red, White, & Run hosted by PB Realty benefits the PBHS Cross Country Team

Turkey Tumble hosted by Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation benefits Santa Land



# Saturday - October 4, 2025 @ 10 AM Poplar Bluff High School Track

3209 Oak Grove Rd., Poplar Bluff Register at alz.org/PoplarBluff

This event kicks off with the

### JOG YOUR MEMORY 5K MARCH 29, 2025

for more information & to register go to pbparks.recdesk.com

# **2025 Fundraiser Events**

Casablanca - March 1 - 6:30 PM

Rodgers Theatre Contact Sandy Marshall Golf Tournament - June 21

Location TBD Contact Sandy Marshall



5k - May 3

Hendrickson Park Contact Maddie Erwin



**Duck Derby - September 27** 

Vine Street Bridge Contact Corretta Bishop



#### And More!

Maddie Erwin - 603.703.8848, mcerwin@alz.org Sandy Marshall - 573.714.5148, mrsmarshall@me.com Corretta Bishop - 573.300.6450, correttabishop@gmail.com





Established in January 2021, the Poplar Bluff Trails Coalition (PBTC) is an allvolunteer, grassroots nonprofit organization whose mission is to plan, promote, build and maintain trails in the greater Poplar Bluff, Missouri region. We serve Butler, Carter and Wayne Counties in the State of Missouri. To achieve our mission, we partner with a variety of public, private and non-profit landowners to plan, construct and improve trail networks for mountain biking, hiking, trail running and equestrian use.

#### Best Practices: Keep yourself safe!

- Always tell a friend or a loved one where and when you are going for a walk.
- Bring plenty of water.
- Obey rules and signs they are there to keep you and others safe.
- When crossing the road, be certain the driver sees you before you cross.
- Be alert, limit distractions while walking.
- Make yourself visible wear bright clothing or reflective material.

#### Anything is paw-sible: Follow these doggy rules!



- Keep pets on leash at all times.
- Clean up all pet waste. Bags are conveniently located at most of our parks.
- Share the trail, some users are wary of dogs. Be kind and courteous.



Find us on Poplar Bluff Trails Coalition



Poplar Bluff Trails Coalition

WEBSITE: https://www.poplarblufftrails.org

# RECREATIONAL GREENWAY & TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation promotes sharing the greenway, paved and natural trails with other users so that everyone can equally enjoy their experience. Greenway and trail etiquette is a tool to help inform other users of the courteous ways to interact on recreational trails.

#### Things to Know before you go:

- Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation Trails are open from sunrise to sunset.
- Ticks, chiggers, and mosquitoes are common April October. Be prepared with insect repellant.
- Know your physical capabilities when choosing a trail.
- Always carry water to ensure you stay hydrated.
- · Watch the weather and dress appropriately.
- If available, read the information on the trailhead signs and maps to become oriented and aware of the trail terrain, length, and special features.

#### **OAK GROVE TRAIL**

#### 1471-1489 W. Harper St., Poplar Bluff, MO

Oak Grove trail is a new addition to Poplar Bluff's trails and is a half mile natural surface trail at Kiwanis Bacon Park. This trail was hand built with Poplar Bluff Trail coalition volunteers who spent over 60 hours constructing the trail. This is a must do trail!

#### **FERGUSON GROVE**

#### 900 N. Main St., Poplar Bluff, MO

This shaded paved walking trail is located in the heart of Poplar Bluff on Main Street. One lap around the park is 0.27 miles. This location is pet friendly and includes picnic tables and benches.



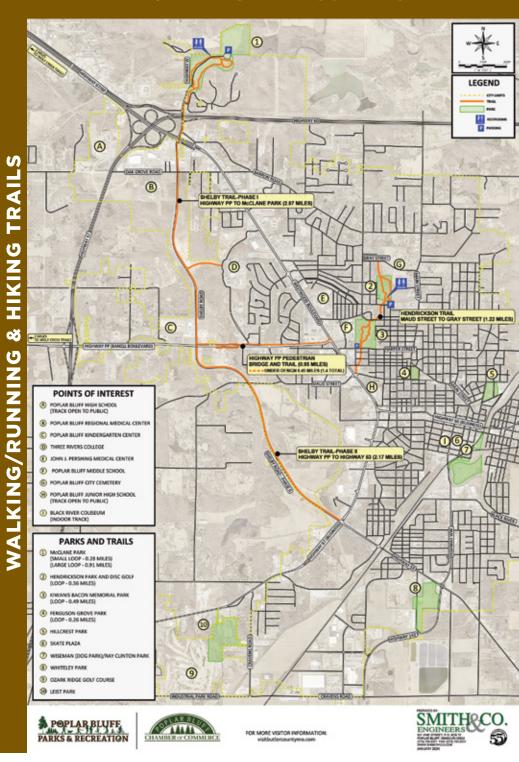
# GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL USERS:

- Be courteous of all other users regardless of their sport, speed or skill level. Obey traffic rules and signs. Stay to the right and pass on the left when safe and appropriate. Give an audible warning before passing. When stopping, move off of the trail. Travel at a safe and reasonable speed. Faster users yield the right of way to slower users. Users should be single file when in groups and approaching other users. Stay on the trail to protect the vegetation. Removal of plants, animals, rocks, downed timber, artifacts or relics is prohibited.
- All pets must be kept on a leash for their protection and that of other users and wildlife. Please pick up after your pet. Bags are provided for waste removal, please deposit bags in trash receptacles. Enjoy and respect wildlife and landscape; do not disturb. Take only pictures and leave only footprints.
- Vandalism and theft of trail amenities will result in prosecution. Report crime and maintenance problems to Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation, 573.686.8645.
   Reckless behavior that endangers other trail users is prohibited. Carry out what you carry in. If the trail users before you have not done this, you can help by removing their trash too.
- No power-driven mobility devices, except ADA on paved trails. No power-driven devices on natural trails.

#### **POPLAR BLUFF GREENWAYS**

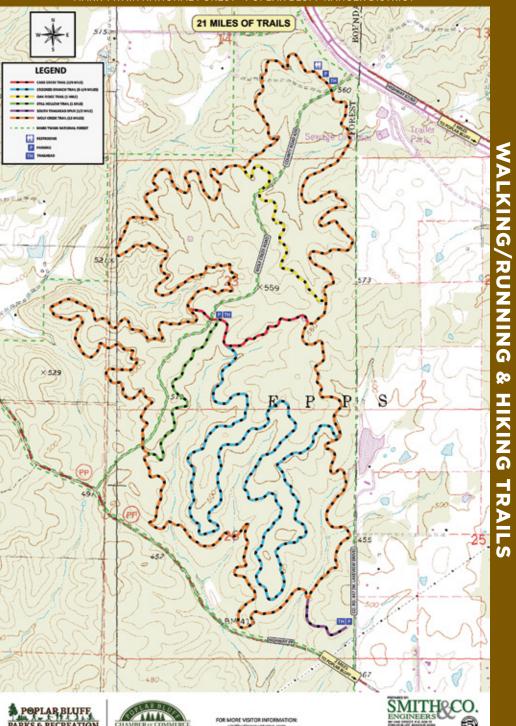
Poplar Bluff's Greenway miles have more than doubled in the last seven years. Currently there are about eight miles of mapped trails across four parks. Earlier walking trails include Ferguson Grove located at 900 N. Main St. which has a paved walking trail equal to 0.27 miles per lap. Hendrickson Park located at 1200 W. Davis St. has a loop equal to 0.56 miles. The expansion that was completed in 2016 starts behind First Midwest Bank on Maud St. and carries through Bacon Park, Hendrickson Park, and ends on Gray St. at the city cemetery. The total for this trail is 1.22 miles. Bacon Park located on Harper St. between Hendrickson and the expansion trail has a loop of 0.52 miles. Jerry F. McLane Park has a paved walking trail which is 0.96 miles without the loop; add the loop and it is 1.33 miles.

#### **POPLAR BLUFF PARKS & TRAILS**



#### **WOLF CREEK BICYCLE TRAIL**

MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST - POPLAR BLUFF RANGER DISTRICT





**OCTOBER 1-31, 2025** 

Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation in partnership with the Butler County Community Resource Council invites you to join us for our Walk-Tober Event and learn how to participate in the month-long competition.

Whenever walking is possible, regardless of your age, it is a fun, easy way to incorporate physical fitness or exercise into your life.

Walking is the simplest, easiest, and most inexpensive fitness activity, and it can be fun. Whether a stroll in the park or a brisk hike, walking is a great activity choice. Any level of intensity or pace can help to improve your health.

The American College of Sports Medicine shares that walking is a great choice since it can be done anywhere at any time. Walking for 30-60 minutes at a moderate pace on most days of the week provides many health-related benefits.

Many benefits of walking include: improved cardiovascular aerobic fitness, walking strengthens muscles and bones, improves body composition, and burns calories which may help with weight loss or weight maintenance, lowering blood pressure, improving sleep, increasing energy and slowing down the aging process.

Check with your physician before beginning a new exercise routine of any sort, especially if you have any medical conditions. Take care of your body. Drink water before, during and after exercise. Keep a pair of walking shoes and socks in your car so they are handy anytime you have the opportunity to go for a walk.

Tips to consider if you want to begin a walking program. Start slow and gradual, 10-15 minutes at a time and progressively increas your time and distance. Don't overdo it. Also consider choosing the right shoe, comfortable socks, and comfortable clothing, Warm up for 5-10 minutes, then stretch arm and leg muscles to get blood flowing to prepare your body for exercise. Practice good posture – walk tall, chest up, shoulders down, and relaxed with your arms swinging naturally by your side; keep abdominal muscles tight to support your lower back. Cool down at a slower pace than your actual walking pace. (Source: https://extension.psu.edu/walking-facts-for-a-healthy-lifestyle)

Register at pbparks.recdesk.com, Programs, Runs/Walks



#### THE OZARK'S MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Sam A. Baker State Park Saturday, May 3, 2025 || 7am - 7pm

We have partnered with the Missouri State Parks (Sam A. Baker Park) & Platinum sponsor Missouri Highlands/VisitMo to see who can hike 7,980' elevation (The height of Mt. Olympus) right here in the beautiful Ozark region in Missouri.

Each participant will have twelve hours to hike nine times up Mudlick Mountain. This vertical ascent is equal to hiking Mount Olympus in the state of Washington. Why did we choose Mt. Olympus as a benchmark? Although in Greek mythology Olympus meant "mountain" or "gathering place of the gods", in modern times Olympus represents "a place or state of joy and happiness." The total hiking distance is approximately 17 miles.

Each hiker will be shuttled back down to the base after each successful ascent

The route is Mudlick Mountain Fire Tower Road (available on All Trails app), which is a chat road. This challenge is NOT a race. It is the external (physical) YOU versus the internal (mental) YOU. Other participants & race volunteers will be encouraging you along the way. If you can't complete all 9 times/17 miles, we will celebrate your ascent achievement; even if it is one time (nearly 900' elevation change and 1.9 miles)!

If you competed in 2024 and insist on "beating last year", you can ascend additional times after you "Conquer Mt. Olympus", but you still have 12 hours.

Tickets: ultrasignup.com







#### \*STORIES AND SIRENS:

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 - 10:30am and 5:30pm at Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch. This day is Police Appreciation Day. Youth will have a themed book reading, meet with law enforcement to ask guestions, and see their vehicles. Youth will create appreciation cards for law enforcement and leave with goodie bags.

EBRUARY



#### \*HEARTS IN THE PARK:

Thursday, February 13 and Sunday, February 16, 2025. Youth will pick up a map at Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation or Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch and visit the designated park(s). Color in the hearts they find and return the map to either place to receive a goody bag.



#### \*FIND THE LEPRECHAUN/POT O'GOLD:

Thursday, March 13 - Monday, March 17, 2025. Leprechauns and Pots O'Gold will be placed at the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch and at designated Parks. Stay tuned to Facebook to find out which parks will be used. Take a picture with the Leprechaun and Pot O' Gold, show the photo to the Library or Parks and Recreation and receive a goody bag.



#### \*GET KIDS OUTDOORS: EVENT SERIES

To be held at the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch & Hendrickson Park



• Event 1: Tuesday, April 1, 5:30pm, at the library - Youth will plant seeds, color pots, and learn tips for starting flowers.



• Event 2: Thursday, April 10, 5:30pm, at the library - Teens will be designing and planting the Library's garden planters with flowers and plants. (For ages 13 to 18 years of age.)



• Event 3: Tuesday, April 22, 5:30pm, at Hendrickson Park - Earth Day Trash Pick-up and Trash Art - Youth will collect trash and use findings to create a work of art. Display to stay at library through April.



 Event 4: Saturday, April 26, 10am, at Hendrickson Park - Arbor Day Tree City U.S.A. Proclamation - Help plant trees, enjoy activities, and leave with a sapling to plant. (For youth and teens.)



(Note: events with an \* are a partnership with Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation and Poplar Bluff Library)





#### \*INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS DAY:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 10:30am and 5:30pm at the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch. Youth will have story time, meet with firefighters to ask questions, look at a fire truck, create appreciation cards for Firefighters, and leave with goody bags.



#### \*NATIONAL EMS WEEK:

May 20, 2025, 10:30am and 5:30pm at the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch. Youth will have story time, meet with Emergency Air Vac professionals to ask questions, look at a helicopter, create appreciation cards for Air Vac professionals, and leave with goodie bags.



#### SAT 7

#### \*WELCOME SUMMER 2025

Saturday, June 7, 2025, at Whiteley Park from 4 pm to 7 pm - Join us as we kick off summer with a party!! Music, Food Trucks, Yard Games, Crafts, Cruise In, Water Slide, Foam Party, Face Painting, meet Dinosaurs, and more!



#### \*ANIMALOGY'S ANIMALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD PRESENTED BY BOB TARTER

 $\label{lem:continuous} June\,14,\,2025,\,at\,11:30 am\,and\,1 pm,\,Poplar\,Bluff\,Library\,Main\,Branch\,Theater.$ 



#### \*NATIONAL YOGA DAY

Saturday, June 21, 2025, 11:15am at Hillcrest Park. Open to all ages.





#### \*WATER SAFETY STORY TIME

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 10:30am and  $5:30\,\mathrm{pm}$  at the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch.



#### \*LIVE ANIMAL PRESENTATION BY DICKERSON PARK ZOO

Saturday, July 12, 2025, 11:30am and 1pm, Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch Theater.



#### BABYSITTER AND CHILDCARE TRAINING

Register at pbparks.recdesk.com April 7 - May 30, 2025, Cost: \$75 Classes are June 13, 20, 27 & July 11, 18, 25 from 8am - 10am at the R.W. Huntington Pool House Classroom (Must be at least 12 years of age to participate).





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#### \*BACK TO SCHOOL BASH:

August 2, 2025, from 9am to 12pm at Whiteley Park.

For Butler County Students. School Supplies, Backpacks, Food Trucks, Snow Cones, Music, and Yard Games.

\*\*Vendors wanting to participate contact Rosa Johnson 573-200-5926.

# SEPTEMBER

#### \*DOWNTOWN STRAWMAN COMPETITION:

Brush off the cobwebs and use your creativity and imagination to create a Strawman (scarecrow) to decorate Downtown Poplar Bluff for the fall season. Your entry can be a traditional strawman, or you can let your imagination run wild to create a whimsical, funny, artistic creation, but nothing too gory please!

Register September 4-17, 2025, at poplarbluff.org/strawman. Winners will be contacted by September 26. Categories: Mayor's Award, Most Creative, Scariest, Funniest, Downtown's Best in Show, and People's Choice. Vote for the People's Choice Award Winner on Facebook at the Poplar Bluff Library from September 25 - October 9.

# CTOBER

MOVIE IN THE PARK:

October 2025, 6pm at McLane Park.

Watch Facebook for event information.



#### WALK-TOBER:

drawing.

October 1 - 31, 2025 - This annual, month-long Walking Event promotes daily exercise and use of our parks and trails. Track your mileage through the Strava app or another app of your choice and turn in proof of your journey to the PB Parks and Recreation by November 4 to 430 N. 2nd Street. Winners will receive a prize and all participants will be entered to win a



#### PET COSTUME PARTY EVENT SERIES:

To be held at Poplar Bluff Petco & the Downtown Dog Park



• Event 1: October 20-31, 2025. Stop by Petco anytime to show off your pet's costume to receive a treat and get your picture taken! Photos will be posted on our Facebook.



• Event 2: October 28, 2025, 5pm - 6:30pm at the Downtown Dog Park -Costume Party - Come out and show off your pets' best Halloween costume. Enter our drawing for a prize and get your picture taken at our backdrop. All animals must be safe for the public and under the owner's control.





#### TURKEY TUMBLE EVENTS:

Saturday, November 8, 2025, at Hendrickson Park. (Two events, one day!) 5k Walk/Run - Check in at 1030am, Race at 11am. Register in advance at pbparks.recdesk.com or in person at the race.

\*After the race, stick around for a fun event for the kids.

**Turkey Tumble** - Come on out and though piles of leaves with us. Enjoy hot chocolate and the fall weather.

\*Event will follow completion of our 5k, Tentative start time, 12pm. And be held weather permitting

# DECEMBER

NOVEMBER



#### SANTA LAND:

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 5:30pm to 8pm. Location is to be determined. Enjoy the festivities, take a picture with Santa, and experience the magic of Christmas.



\*Registration is a must. Use the QR code to register.



#### \*PICKLE IN THE PARK/LIBRARY:

Surprise Date(s) will be announced on Facebook. Spot the Pickle, snap a pic, show the picture to Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation or the Poplar Bluff Library Main Branch for a Christmas prize.

An old Christmas tradition that surely will last,

Find the hidden pickle, capture a pic for proof, and bring it in fast. Kiddos leave with a year of good fortune and a Christmas prize, Being ready for Pickle in the Park next year would really be wise!















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JUNE 7

4PM - 7PM

- Yard games for all ages
- Crafts, Face Painting
- Dunk booth, Water Slide
- Sport Challenges & Races

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Live Band Cruise In Food Trucks Foam Party Dino Party Extravaganza

<u>Live Band</u> Murphy Music 4p-7p

More Info: 573.686.8645 • ahughes@pbparks.org



# Poplar Bluff Library

### Contact

THE LIBRARY



573-686-8639



library@poplarbluff.org



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## Visit Us

**LOCATIONS & HOURS** 

#### MAIN BRANCH

318 N Main St

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 7 pm Friday 10 am - 5 pm Saturday 11 am - 3 pm Sunday\* 1 pm - 5 pm

#### RIDGEL BRANCH

3398 Kanell Blvd

Monday - Thursday **9 am - 7 pm**Sunday\* **1 pm - 5 pm**Ridgel Lockers **6 am - 10 pm Daily** 

\*All locations are closed on Sundays in the summer.



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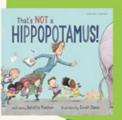
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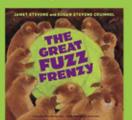
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# **Story Time**

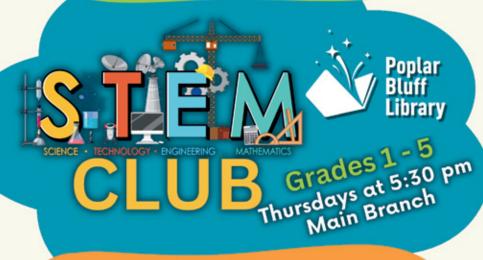
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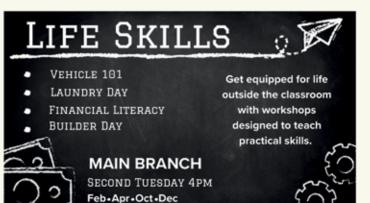




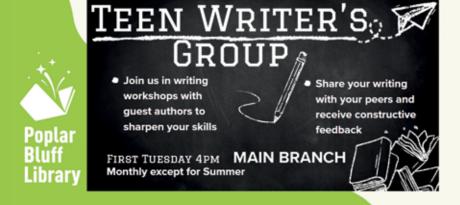
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 1 PM MAIN BRANCH

# Teem Events

poplarbluff.org/teens







# Career Help Poplar Bluff Library

**JOBNOW** 

2-11 PM DAILY

Chat with an HR expert for resume & interview tips

poplarbluff.org/jobnow





poplarbluff.org/learn



### June 7 - August 2

Summer

Reading

**PROGRAM** 

# READ AND WIN poplarbluff.org/read

Every 20 minutes read earns an entry to win weekly and Grand Prizes!







# June 7 - August 2 Summer Reading PROGRAM poplarbluff.org/read

6.7.25 Summer Reading Kick Off at Whiteley Park\* 4pm

6.10.25 Story Time - Harold and the Purple Crayon 10:30am

6.14.25 Animalogy's Animals from Around the World with Bob Tarter\* 11:30 am & 1 pm

6.17.25 Story Time - The Dot 10:30am

6.19.25 Flower Origami 2pm

6.24.25 Story Time - Mouse Paint 10:30am

6.26.25 Dinosaur Egg Excavation 2pm







\*In partnership with Poplar Bluff Parks & Recreation



# June 7 - August 2

Summer

Reading

**PROGRAM** 

#### poplarbluff.org/read

7.1.25 Story Time - Water Safety\* 10:30am

7.8.25 Story Time - Snippets 10:30am

7.12.25 Eagles of North America with Dickerson Park Zoo\* 11:30 am & 1 pm

7.15.25 Marty the Magician\* 2pm & 5:30pm

7.16.25 Marty the Magician\* 10:30am & 2pm

7.22.25 Story Time - Raindrops to Rainbows 10:30am

7.26.25 Big Person & Me - sip & paint 1pm

7.29.25 Story Time - I Ain't Gonna Paint No More 10:30am

7.31.25 Dinosaur Noodle Art 2pm









\*In partnership with Parks & Recreation

\*Marty the Magician brought to you by Southern Bank







Reading

#### **PROGRAM**

6.13.25 Music on the Lawn 6pm

6.14.25 Adult Book Club 2pm

6.19.25 Book Buzz Club 6pm

6.21.25 National Yoga Day\* Yoga in Hendrickson Park 11:15am

Music on the awn With

Freedom & Misty

6.27.25 Book Bingo 10:30am

7.11.25 Books Beneath Your Feet: Sidewalk Art Event 6pm

7.12.25 Adult Book Club 2pm

7.17.25 Book Buzz Club 6pm

7.19.25 Geocaching 11:30am

7.19.25 Yoga 11:15am



7.25.25 Book Bingo 10:30am

Book Bingo sponsored by



# JOIN US FOR BUTLER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH OUTREACH EVENT

EVENT TO BE HELD IN MAY 2025.

DATE & TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FACEBOOK CLOSER TO THE EVENT.





#### BUTLER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 1619 N. MAIN ST. • POPLAR BLUFF, MO

We will have food available from SEMO Foodbank, WIC Services, Prevention Services, Narcan Services, and Information from many Community Businesses. We will also have giveaways and prizes!

For more information call: 573-785-8478

#### **BUTLER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HIV/STI PREVENTION TEAM**

1 DECEMBER 2025

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Follow us on facebook for more updates at: Southeast HIV Hepatitis STI Prevention

FREE HIV & STI TESTING, FREE GOODIES, & MORE



# For more information, contact us! (573) 776-7830 prevention@thecrc.org

#### 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **SPRING**

AmeriCorps Seniors Tax Clinic February - April | Age 55+ | Twin Towers

> Job Fair & Career Expo Date, Time, & Location TBD

> Protein Distribution
> Date, Time, & Location TBD

#### <u>JUNE</u>

Mental Health Conference Date, Time, & Location TBD

#### <u>SEPTEMBER</u>

Current River Clean Up Date TBD | Van Buren, MO

Senior Health Fair Date TBD | Twin Towers

#### **OCTOBER**

Walk-Tober Month

**Walking Competition** 

Historic Downtown Walking Tours Saturdays | Details TBD

Child Abuse & Domestic Violence Prevention Conference Date, Time, & Location TBD

#### **NOVEMBER**

Caregiver Conference Date, Time, & Location TBD

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day November 22 | 12:00 p.m. | Location TBD

For event information, visit our website! thecrc.org



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The National Stars and Stripes Museum and Library collects, preserves, and exhibits artifacts related to the Stars and Stripes, our nation's military newspaper. Through exhibits and community outreach programs, the museum offers a unique view of some of the most pivotal moments in modern history. Admission to the museum is free, but donations are always appreciated.

#### **Museum Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10am-4pm Saturday: 10am-2pm Closed: Tuesday and Sunday

#### **2025 EVENTS**

Trivia Night - March 8, 2025

WWII Weekend - March 22, 2025

Murder Mystery - May (TBA)

Journalism Summer Camp - June/July (TBA)

Liberty Days - October 3-4,2025

Spirit of Democracy - November 1, 2025

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa - December (TBA)

Check Facebook for the Monthly Kids Program

Find us on Stars and Stripes Museum Inationsmilitarynewspaper





### Cruise-In 2025

Brought to you by the Poplar Bluff Parks Department

May 9<sup>тн</sup> - Main Street - 5:30<sub>РМ</sub> - 7:30<sub>РМ</sub> Pine St. to Cedar St.

June 7<sup>тн</sup> - Whiteley Park - 4:00<sub>РМ</sub> - 7:00<sub>РМ</sub>

July 11<sup>тн</sup> - Vine Street - 5:30рм - 7:30рм 5<sup>th</sup> St. to Broadway

August 8<sup>тн</sup> - Vine Street - 5:30рм - 7:30рм 5<sup>th</sup> St. to Broadway

September 27<sup>TH</sup> - Car Show - 8:00AM - 3:30PM

Black River Coliseum

October 10<sup>TH</sup> - Main Street - 5:30рм - 7:30рм Pine St. to Cedar St.



No Registration. Arrive 30 minutes prior to start time. Cars will be protected by road closure or barriers. All Cruise Ins will be on pavement. For more information contact Stephanie Knappe: 573.429.8441 or Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation: 573.686.8645

# CELEBRATION







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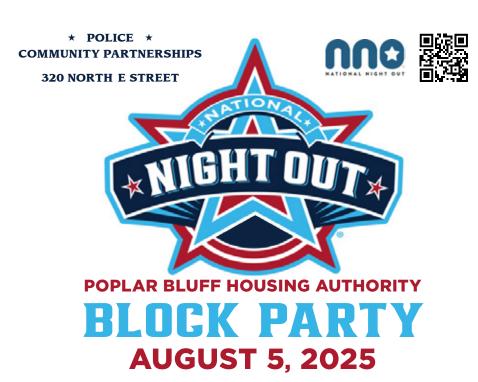
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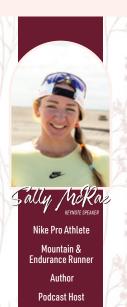
BLACK RIVER COLISEUM **DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM** 

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$50 EACH OR RESERVED TABLES OF 10 - \$575 (INCLUDES DINNER AND DRINKS) PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT EVENTBRITE.COM. KEYWORD ST. JUDE VIP BANQUET, OR BY CALLING 573,718,2875









### THURSDAY, SEPT. 18, 2025

The annual Women Aware conference in Poplar Bluff, MO is a full day of learning, motivation, and networking for women. We are the largest women's conference in Southeast Missouri, Northeast Arkansas, and Southern Illinois. Breakout speakers and keynote speakers share their perspectives, knowledge, and insight on topics ranging from womanhood, business, marriage, finances, and other practical and uplifting topics of interest. You'll be able to hear from some of our area's business and community leaders. The day also includes a fashion show from local boutiques and retail shops, breakfast and lunch, shopping at local business vendor booths, giveaways, and lots more! This is a day where you can build deep friendships with other women in your community. You don't want to miss it!

For more info visit: www.womenawareinc.com

### DOWNTOWN STRAWMAN OMPETITI

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Reserve your spot for \$20. All entry forms must be received by 12pm on Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Contest will be judged September 26, 2025.

REGISTER HERE **SCAN ME** 

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Santa Land, a heartwarming community event open to the public, is a festive celebration that aims to spread joy and give back to children during the holiday season. Held at the Black River Coliseum, the event brings together families from all around to partake in a night filled with Christmas cheer supported by local area businesses, school clubs, and organizations. If you would like to sponsor or host a booth, contact ksowell@pbparks.org.

Children attending Santa Land are treated to a magical experience that includes a range of festive activities. From crafting ornaments and decorating cookies to enjoying holiday-themed games, there's no shortage of merriment. The highlight of the evening is the opportunity for kids to meet Santa Claus himself, share their Christmas wishes, and capture the moment with a cherished photo. As an extra special touch, each child leaves Santa Land with a gift, creating lasting memories of joy and creating a sense of community through this heartwarming event.



#### WAPPAPELLO LAKE

#### WINTER WATCH FOR EAGLES

February 1 | 8am-2pm

#### **Bill Emerson Memorial Visitor Center**

Spotting scopes and binoculars will be available for public use to grab a glance at our national symbol. This event is free to attend. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.





### 46th ANNUAL OLD GREENVILLE RENDEZVOUS ENCAMPMENT

April 26-27 | 8am-5pm Greenville Recreation Area

Travel back in time and experience the mountain man fur trading era. See the lodges, traders, and flat landers. There will be crafters showing their skills as well as an assortment of food which will surely satisfy your taste buds. This event is free to attend. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.



#### **MILITARY CELEBRATION**

May 17 | 10am-2pm

#### **Redman Creek Recreation Area**

Join us as we recognize our armed forces military branches. There will be several booths staffed by other federal and state agencies. Military heavy equipment and vintage military vehicles will also be on display. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562



#### JACK MILLER MEMORIAL KIDS' FUN DAY

June 7 | 8am-10:30am

#### **Lost Creek Recreation Area Pond**

This fun day is open for all children 5 - 14 years old. We will meet at the Bill Emerson Memorial Visitor Center at 7:30am and travel to the event area. A cookout and awards will be given away after the fishing activities are done. Pre-registration is required.

For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.



### RANGER WILLIE'S WET AND WILD WATER SAFETY FESTIVAL

June 21 | 11am to 3pm Redman Creek Beach

This event consists of a PFD Fashion Show, inner tube races, sandcastle and sculpturing contest, water safety wheel of knowledge, water balloon volley, cardboard boat races, and much more. It is free to attend. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.



#### **MOVIE IN THE PARK**

June 27 | movie starts at dusk Spillway Recreation Area

Free popcorn and soda will be given to all attendees. It is done in partnership with Southern Bank, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Friends of Wappapello Lake (FOWL). Movie will be rated PG. It will start at dark. For more information contact Park Rangers Becky Hays or Andrew Jefferson by calling (573) 222-8562.







#### FIREWORKS AT THE LAKE

June 28 | Starts @ Dusk (around 9pm)
Sponsored by the Friends of Wappapello
Lake (FOWL) Association. Various
activities will take place throughout the
day leading up to the fire works show.
This event is free to attend. It is done in
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Lake (FOWL). For more information contact John
Totten by calling (303) 909-1590.

#### **DUCK BLIND REGISTRATION**

August 16 | 9am

Bill Emerson Memorial Visitor Center

If you are interested in having a duck blind strategically placed on the lake, don't miss this opportunity to do so.



### LAKE ST. LOUIS PROFESSIONAL SKI TEAM EXHIBITION

August 17 | 11am & 4pm Redman Creek Beach

Come and checkout some of the most audacious acrobatic maneuvers on water. This event is free to attend.

For more information contact Park Rangers Becky Hays or Andrew Jefferson by calling (573) 222-8562.



#### **25 MILE YARD SALE** August 29 – September 1 Highways D, T, RA, and AA

The Annual 25 mile Labor Day Weekend Community Yard Sale along Highways D, T, RA, and AA. Free spaces will be available in the Spillway Recreation Area at Wappapello Lake.



#### 34TH ANNUAL OLD GREENVILLE DAYS

September 21-22 | 8am - 5pm Greenville Day Use Area

Event consists of arts/crafts, guided tour of Memory Lane, and live bluegrass and gospel music. Participation and attendance are free. It is done in partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wayne County Historical Society, and East Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.



#### JACK O'LANTERN JUBILEE

October 11, 18, and 25 | 5pm - 7pm Greenville Camp Ground

During this event no vehicular traffic will be allowed to drive through the campground. This trunk or treat activity is put on by the campers. For more information contact Park Rangers Andrew Jefferson or Becky Hays by calling (573) 222-8562.



### 33RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AUTO TOUR

November 28 - December 25 | 5pm - 9pm Redman Creek Campground East

located on highway T. Come out and help usher in the holiday season by decorating a campsite with Christmas lights or ornaments. You can also advertise your business, organization, or agency. It is done in partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FOWL, and River Radio. For more information contact Park Rangers Alyssa Davis or Andrew Jefferson by calling (573) 222-8562.



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If eligible, temporary child care assistance and transportation is available.



#### **FACILITIES**

Parks and Recreation maintains various recreation facilities in the city parks including a simming pool, nine lighted baseball/softball fields, three lighted soccer fields, five picnic pavillions, two paved multi-purpose trails, a boat launch, a golf course with driving range and many other park amenities. Additional information on these facilities is available at pbparks.recdesk.com.



#### **PAVILION RENTALS**

Picnic facilities are provided in our parks and can be used on a first-come, firstserved basis when not reserved. Pavilions located in Bacon, Hillcrest, Whiteley, Sportsmen and Hendrickson Parks can be reserved for \$50 from 8am-2pm or 3-8pm per day per pavilion or \$60 all day. Reservation fees are non-refundable. Reservation fees are non refundable.

#### **PETS**

Your parks are a great place to walk your furry four-legged friend. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after them. Pet waste transmits disease. Dog waste bags are located at Ferguson Grove, McLane, an Hendrickson Parks. It is always a good idea when walking your pet to bring along a bag just in case bags are not available. Pets must be on a leash at all times. Ordinance #7165



#### THE DOG PARK **DOWNTOWN POPLAR BLUFF**

Two fenced in areas, one for small dogs and one for larger dogs, located at 400 South Second Street, Poplar Bluff. The Dog Park is overseen by the Downtown Poplar Bluff organization.



For a complete listing of rules: pbparks.recdesk.com, click "Forms"

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#### DOG OF THE MONTH

#### Sponsored by Petco of Poplar Bluff

Three ways to enter your dog to be chosen as Dog of the Month:

- 1. Bring completed form and photo of your dog to Parks and Recreation, 430 N. Second Street.
- 2. Complete form online and upload photo at pbparks.recdesk.com, click "Programs", "Dog of the Month Contest"
- 3. Email completed form & photo to info@pbparks.org (see next page for form)

#### **ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED**

The City of Poplar Bluff has adopted a non-discrimination policy on the basis of handicapped status in the admission of access to or employment in its municipal program of activities. Parks and Recreation will make reasonable accomodations to persons with disabilities. Persons needing accomodations to participate in a program or service should notify the recreation office in advance.

#### **ADOPT-A-PARK**

Parks and Recreation would welcome an organized group or organization to help maintain our city parks. If you would like to participate, contact the Park Office at 573.686.8645

#### **PLEASE HELP**

Keeping our parks in the best condition is a full-time job. By taking pride in the parks and keeping them clean, Poplar Bluff residents help maintain and support our community. Parks and Recreation wants to work with residents in providing quality recreational programs and attractive parks. Your suggestions regarding park improvement, recreational activities, clinics, or sports programs are greatly appreciated.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The gift of time is valuable to those who give and receive. You can share your time and talent with our recreation, horticulture or maintenance departments. Individuals and groups are welcome to partner with us. Some example of volunteer opportunities are coaching, gardening, litter patrol, and programming. Contact our office at 573.686.8645 or stop by our office at 430 North Second Street. A volunteer application form is available online at https://www.pbparks.org/volunteer.php

#### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

- Litterina.
- Operating a vehicle off the roadways and parking areas.
- Damaging Property.
- Picking Flowers.
- Using parks from 10:00pm to 6:00am.
- Using a trash receptacle for other than its intended use.
- Building fires not confined to a barcue pit.

- Camping overnight.
- Unauthorized alterations, improvements and/ or changes to facilities (i.e. dragging ball fields without permission of department).
- Use of alcoholic beverages.
- Disturbing the peace.
- · Setting off fireworks.
- Allowing pets to run off leash.
- Bounce Houses are not allowed in the parks.

### PROGRAM CANCELLATION POLICY

Decision on the cancellation of evening activities due to inclement weather will be made at 3:30pm daily. Once a decision is made a text message alert (see page 2 for information on texting) will be sent, and the information will be on the Parks and Recreation Hotline (573.686.8000), website www.pbparks.recdesk.com and Facebook. com/Poplar BluffParksand Recreation. We recognize the possibility that a sudden weather change could create a situation in which a program might have been possible, but feel the importance of early and accurate communication outweighs that chance. All programs are subject to immediate cancellation if the weather changes after the 3:30pm decision.

#### **KEEP YOUR PARKS SAFE**

Each year the Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation incurs a great deal of expense to repair damage caused to your parks by vandalism. Please notify the Parks and Recreation Office if you see broken playground equipment, damaged facilities or vandalism anywhere in the park system. Please help everyone by immediately reporting any vandalism, misuse or abuse of park property to the Police Department by calling 573.785.5776 and the Parks and Recreation Office 573.686.8645. Give authorities as much information as possible about what you observed including descriptions of person and/or vehicle and license plate numbers. If you choose to remain anonymous you may do so. Your participation will help assure safe, quality parks for our community.

#### POPLAR BLUFF PARKS AND RECREATION

# Memorial Program

### Memorial Bench

A memorial bench is a splendid way to honor a loved one as it provides a place of reflection and peace among our parks. This memorial bench is a standard six foot recycled bench with a personalized two-inch by four-inch plaque limited to three lines of text. The location of benches will be coordinated between Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation and the purchaser and may be placed at any of these parks: Whitely Park, Ferguson Grove, Downtown Dog Park, Shelby Trail, Sportsman Park, McLane Park, Downtown Park, and Hendrickson Park.

#### Price varies - call to inquire



If you are interested in the Memorial Program or have questions, please call Poplar Bluff Parks and Recreation at 573,686,8645

### Memorial Tree

A memorial tree is a beautiful way to honor the life of a loved one while also providing a gift to the community. You can purchase a memorial tree to be placed in one of our charming park settings. Trees will be placed where they are most needed unless a particular park is requested. Shade trees include six varieties of maple, three varieties of oak, two varieties of crabapple, and two varieties of red bud with chokeberry and cypress also available. A six-inch by six-inch memorial plaque will be placed in front of the tree.

#### Price: \$300







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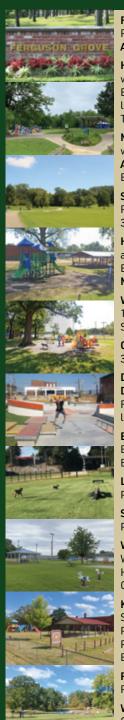
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Whiteley Park: Located on the south side of Poplar Bluff at Highway 53 and 142. Amenities: Pavillions, Grills, Picnic Tables, Playgrounds, Ball Fields, Soccer Fields, Bathrooms (seasonal).

**Ozark Ridge Golf Course:** This 18-hole championship course is located at 3045 Cravens Road.

**Downtown Poplar Bluff:** Across from the Poplar Bluff Post Office is the **Downtown Park. Amenities:** Pavillions, Picnic Tables Paved Sidewalk, Pet Friendly. **Skate Plaza** is located at 300 Moran Street. **The Dog Park** is located at 400 South Second St.

**Black River Industrial Park:** This park is located on the east side of Poplar Bluff on Industrial Park Road. **Amenities:** Ball Fields, Soccer Fields, Bathrooms (seasonal).

Linc Park: Located on D Street on the East Side of Poplar Bluff. Amenities: Pavillion, Playground, Ball Field, Basketball Court, Bathrooms (seasonal).

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The Disc Golf Course at Hendrickson Park has expanded to 18 holes. Nine Holes were added Fall 2017. The first tee is east of the Butterfly Garden at the front of the park. For more information about leagues or recreational group play, follow us on Facebook.

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Hendrickson Park Disc Golf Map



**Bacon Park Disc Golf Map** 

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