BREC - who are we?

It is our mission to contribute to a healthier, more vibrant community by providing exceptional parks, open spaces and recreational experiences for all East Baton Rouge Parish.

▶ BREC is a nationally known parks system that was founded in 1946 and manages over 6,600 acres, over 180 parks, and over 150 facilities. BREC is the largest landowner in EBR Parish.



BREC Community Park

<u>Community Park | BREC - Parks & Recreation in East Baton Rouge Parish</u>

Description:

- Large parks with a variety of amenities meant to serve approximately 80,000 to 200,000 people living within a 5-mile radius of the park and to also serve as a destination location for people beyond that radius.
- Community parks can range from 40 to over 100 acres each.

How many does EBR Parish have?

- There are 12 community parks that were identified and can serve patrons within a 10-minute drive from anywhere in the parish
- Anna T. Jordan Community Park, City-Brooks Community Park, Forest Community Park, Greenwood Community Park, Highland Road Community Park, Howell Community Park, Independence Community Park, Jackson Community Park, North Sherwood Forest Community Park, Perkins Road Community Park, Sandy Creek Community Park and Zachary Community Park.

BREC Neighborhood Park

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Description

- Serves patrons living within walking distance of the park (neighborhood).
- These parks are our core ones of the BREC system and serve as the recreational and social focus of neighborhoods throughout all of East Baton Rouge Parish.

How many does EBR Parish have?

- BREC has over 160 neighborhood parks averaging in size of 15 acres, but some go up to 60 acres.
- These parks focus on recreational opportunities such as informal and programmed activities, passive recreation and developing community cohesion.



What is considered a Special Interest Park?

Unique facilities across the parish with a specific purpose, meant to attract people from all around and outside the parish.

Some examples:

Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center, Highland Road Observatory, Liberty Lagoon Waterpark, 6 golf courses, BREC Zoo and much more.

BREC Trails

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BREC has about 60 miles of trails across the parish.

BREC recently teamed up with the Louisiana Department of Transportation to create a parish-wide bike/pedestrian master plan of interlinking trails. In 20 years, the whole parish will have a large network of recreational trails linked with transportation trails, such as bike lanes.



What is the <u>Improve</u> your Park Survey about?

BREC is developing a
Community Engagement
Policy and we need your
input. Tell us what you think
the community should have
input on and what level of
input.



What is the goal of BREC Community Engagement policy?

To give all patrons the opportunity to provide feedback and influence decisions that affect your parks moving forward with the best practices possible.

We at BREC hope that the Community Engagement policy encourages the parish to be a part of our transparent and equitable decision-making processes, in hopes that we deepen our relationships and our trust with you, our patrons in East Baton Rouge Parish.









If you are interested in becoming more involved in your park, whether neighborhood or parishwide - let us know! We want to include you!

Contact us at kcoots@brec.org