

Walk, play or picnic in Sparta's public parks

Crouse Park and Veterans Memorial Park offer outdoor fun and fitness opportunities for the whole family. Both are located in the Town of Sparta. The town maintains Crouse Park, while Veterans Memorial Park is maintained by Alleghany County.

Crouse Park

Crouse Park, located at 314 Cherry Street, was donated to the town in 1969 by R. Floyd Crouse and Crystal S. Crouse in memory of Floyd Crouse and Sarah Ellen Gambill Crouse.

Crouse Park is located at the corner of NC Hwy 18 N. (E. Whitehead Street) and Grayson Street, with parking at the Hwy. 18 entrance and the Cherry Street entrances.

The park has a paved walking trail, basketball court, volleyball court, pickleball court, playground equipment for children and restroom facilities, as well as a large outdoor stage (with a dance area) for public music events.

Picnic shelters are available for rent. One large covered shelter with a charcoal grill may be reserved for special occasions.

The Crouse House is furnished, with kitchen facilities, and may be rented for special occasions, meet-

ings, etc., for a nominal fee. To reserve the shelter or the house, call 336-372-4257.

The Splash Pad is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The Splash Pad shelter is not available to reserve for parties; it is for Splash Pad users only.

The shelter adjacent to the Crouse House is available to reserve for birthday parties or small family gatherings.

Call Sparta Town Hall at 336-372-4257 to ensure your reservation date is available.

Full-day and half-day reservations are available. Half-days are from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. or from 2-7 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park is located between Veterans Memorial Highway (Sparta Bypass) and Duncan Street. Access to the park is from Duncan Street.

The park has a dirt-and-gravel walking track, picnic tables, a concession stand, restrooms, a parking lot and an unmarked field that is mainly used for athletic practice and soccer, as well as a memorial honoring local veterans, which features a walkway paved with memorial bricks.

There are plans to build two small

ballfields for T-Ball or coaches-pitch baseball and a new playground with handicapped-accessible equipment, and to pave the walking track.

To rent the park, contact the Alleghany County Recreation Department by calling 336-372-2942 or email-

ing randy.murphy@alleghanycounty-nc.gov.

The Alleghany Veterans Advisory Committee is currently selling memorial bricks for the Walk of Honor. To learn more, visit the website veteransparksidewalkfund.org.



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