

Welcome to this zine! Mapping Our Parks is a Muzinuem project curated by Conley Kinkead, Master of City and Regional Planning. In this zine we explore the walkability of Lexington's parks from Lexington's point of view. After you read it, unfold it and you'll find the accessibility map of Lexington Conley created!

Everyone in Lexington should have broad access to enjoy as many parks as they can. Different parks have varying types of landscapes, programming, and amenities, like playgrounds or hiking trails. Park types include neighborhood parks, community parks, golf courses, mini-golf, parks, greenways, and even a few, special use, parks, like Moondance Amphitheater.

According to Lexington Parks and Recreation, there are 102 green spaces designated as parks in Lexington. Our research indicates the distribution of park acreage is very consistent across the city.

But unfortunately **only about 37% of residential areas are within walking distance** (a quarter mile) to any greenspace designated as a park from their home.

**When it comes to parks bigger than three acres that aren't golf courses, even fewer parks are easy to walk to: only 32% of residential areas are within walking distance to these parks.**

A walkable distance, which we measured in this study, is only the first consideration of walkability. Other factors include safety and access for people who use mobility aids.

**Park walkability is important because walking is a mentally and physically healthy way to interact with your community.**

**What can we do about this?**

**Well, for now, we can remember that the parks in the city are for all of us.** Visit any park that you please, whichever way you can get there! Most parks are accessible via Lex-Tran, bike, or car.

We can also advocate for greater park accessibility. The city of Lexington, Parks and Recreation, and your council members work for you!

**If you want better park access, don't be afraid to say so.**

A great resource for learning about getting involved is a local organization, CivicLex.

Find more at [www.civiclex.org/](http://www.civiclex.org/)

