

City offers parks, many areas for recreational pursuits

The City of Bloomfield offers many recreational opportunities for all ages. At the heart of recreational opportunities in Bloomfield are the municipal swimming pool and the Lake Fisher reservoir.

The pool features a sloped walk-in entrance on the east end, which facilitates use by younger children as well as others who just wish to sit along the water's edge. The pool slopes down to a lap swimming area and then features a deep end with two diving boards.

One of the most popular attractions at the pool is the slide. It was added to the facility when it was constructed in 1991. The bathhouse features shower facilities for men and women, a concession area, and also features restroom facilities for those outside the premises.

The pool is open from noon-6 p.m. every day between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day each year. The pool can hold a maximum of 280 people and is available for rent for special occasions. Designated times to rent the pool are from 6-8 p.m.

The fee to rent the pool is \$90 for a two-hour party and three guards. Depending on the number attending the party, there can be as many as five lifeguards hired to work the parties at a cost of \$115. When five guards are used, the slide will be open for use during those parties. "We have to have a three guard minimum working at all times," said DPW Ted Henderson.

According to Henderson, pools are not facilities that make money, and he says the pool has not made money for the city for the past several years. Attempts have been made to cut down those losses, but Henderson still maintains it is a service that the city is glad to provide for those who enjoy swimming.

In addition to the pool, the City owns and maintains several parks and ball diamonds for recreational opportunities. The Bloomfield City Park features all types of playground equipment. Two new play structures were erected in the spring of 2008. It also includes a sand volleyball court and three covered shelter houses

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City of Bloomfield

Parks and Recreation

City Park offers

- Swimming Pool
- Ball Fields
- Playground
- Shelter Houses

Lake Fisher offers

- Six Camp Sites
w/Hook-ups
- Shelter Houses
- Ball Field
- Playground
- Fishing
Bass Tournaments on
Memorial Day and
Labor Day



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that can be reserved for use.

Other parks include Weaver Park, located across from the Weaver House, and Southfork Park, which consists of a small shelter. Southfork Park is actually privately owned, but the city has offered to maintain the facility.

The city also owns and maintains Lake Fisher, which serves many purposes for the City of Bloomfield. The lake itself provides Bloomfield with its water supply and is used for fishing. The area around the lake features many different opportunities for recreation year around. Two shelter houses, a campground and a ball diamond are on the west side of the lake. That park is open early each morning and officially closes at 10:30 p.m.

The campground was opened in 2007 on the west side of Lake Fisher. The campground features pads for six RVs with full electric and water hook-ups. Park Board members are also looking at the possibility of placing a couple of cabins at the lake. Anyone wishing to camp at the lake needs to contact Bloomfield City Hall

at 641-664-2260 prior to doing so.

As for the fishing, Lake Fisher is known statewide for producing the state record large-mouth bass. The fish weighed in at 10 pounds, 11 ounces and was caught by a woman. Those fishing for bass must toss them back unless they are 15 inches in length. Anyone wishing to do any walleye fishing in the lake must just catch and release those fish.

Henderson said plans are to continue the Memorial Day and Labor Day bass fishing tournaments.

The city maintains six different ball diamonds used for summer recreation. They include two near the city park for the Davis County Little League, two south of town for the Davis County Girls' Little League, one at Lake Fisher, and one located on the Davis County Fairgrounds for the Davis County Babe Ruth. The high school also plays on this field during its summer season.

McGowen Recreation Area



These newly constructed rental cabins are located on the north side of the McGowen Recreation and Wildlife Area. They are available year around.

**Reservations:
641-664-2572**

Renters can enjoy:

- Nine Fishing Ponds • Trails • Picnic Area • Playground

Available nearby:

- Bloomfield Country Club Golf Course
- Historic Bloomfield City Square
- Bloomfield Swimming Pool
- Tourism Welcome Center
- Davis County Fairgrounds
- Recreation Center
- Specialty Stores and Restaurants
- Museum
- Lake Fisher

Campground features full hook-ups, space for 12 campers and shower house.



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