



Bluffton Parks Department

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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January

Farm Wagon	83, 101
Tot Time Play Day	26
January Pavilion Rentals	4
Weekday Walking	49
Theater Thursday	9
Hooked on Crochet	7, 7, 4
Open Gym	51
Hue Can Paint	10
Tot Time	12
Weeknight Yoga	73
Saturday Yoga	42
Rock Steady Boxing	107
Wells Winer Challenge	192

February

Farm Wagon	109, 102, 107
Chilly Chili	121
February Pavilion Rentals	8
Mother Son Nerf War	83
Daddy Daughter Dance	380
Weekday Walking	27
Theater Thursday	11
Hooked on Crochet	8, 7, 7
Open Gym	171
Tot Time	12
Weeknight Yoga	78
Saturday Yoga	35
Rock Steady Boxing	155

March

Farm Wagon	102, 105, 112, 100
Tot Post Office Visit	30
March Pavilion Rentals	7
Weekday Walking	22
Theater Thursday	11
Open Gym	110
Tot Time	10
Lego Build Challenge	36
Coloring Contest	125
Leprechaun Hunt	4 winners
Weeknight Yoga	108
Saturday Yoga	28
Rock Steady Boxing	177

**Awarded Wells County Foundation Grants for
Kehoe Concert & Wellness Programs
Awarded UWHCC Grant for Wellness
Programs**

April

Farm Wagon	108, 105, 109, 115, 104
April Pavilion Rentals	16
Spring Coloring Contest	125
Hue Can Paint	8
Sr Snippet Foreign Countries	8, 7, 11
Sr Snippet Variety classes	17, 13, 14
Sr Snippet History	19, 18, 14
Sr Snippet Movie/Book Club	15, 15, 14
Sr Snippet Spring Crafts	10, 10, 9
Sr Snippet Crochet	7, 6, 5
Easter Egg Hunt	422
Dog Bone Hunt	25 dogs, 36 people
Sensory Sensitive Egg Hunt	35
Earth Day 5K	47
Theater Thursday	11
Weeknight Yoga	79
Weekend Yoga	26
Rock Steady Boxing	161

Awarded Wells County Foundation matching grant for 4th of July Fireworks.

Awarded Patronicity Grant for New Pickleball Courts

May

Farm Wagon	101, 117, 93, 93
May Pavilion Rentals	27
Sr Snippet Foreign Countries	7, 5
Sr Snippet Variety Class	15, 9
Sr Snippet History	12, 13
Sr Snippet Movie/Book Club	13, 13, 13
Sr Snippet Easy Spring Crafts	9
Sr Snippet Crochet	5, 6, 5
Firefly Ballet	78
Nerf Wars	32
Theater Thursday	15
Weeknight Yoga	74
Saturday Yoga	28
Rock Steady Boxing	167
Yoga Tea Party	11
Animal Tracks Game	11
Power Wheels in the park	45
Hue Can Paint	5

June

Farm Wagon	111,123,109,104
Sail On Beach Boys	815
Crush Bon Jovi (inside)	360
Dancing Queen	800
Simply Queen	1,100
Picnic in the Park	1,413
Foam Party	340+
Mark's Ark	192+
Chicks Run	149
Craft Club	61, 58, 46, 16
Crafting For A Cause	16, 12, 8, 10
Art in the Park	51, 61, 52, 30
Where Food Comes from	16, 16
Shaving Cream Fight	60
Fastest Kid	54
Rock Steady Open House	212
Saturday Yoga	6, 5, 8, 5
Weeknight Yoga	68
5 in 5 K	165, 192, 206, 198
Ex on the Go (Tai Chi, Pound)	1, 4, 4, 2
Rock Steady Boxing	165
Rock Painting	45
Stuff and Fluff	60
Tot Messy Art	18

June

Dinosaur Dig	14
Tot Play Day	33
9 Square in the Air	12
Matchbox Car Play Day	16
Tot Chalk it up (rained)	3
Fuse Bead Magnets	28
Friendship Bracelets	27
Egg Drop Challenge	16
Tot Lego Day	8
Lego Play Day	7
Tot Scavenger Hunt	22
Stone Quarry Tour	55
Tot Bubble Day	50
Theater Thursday	10
June Pavilion Rentals	30
Group Swim Lessons	528
Private Swim Lessons	45
Tennis Lessons	201
Sponsored Free Pool Admission	560
Pool Admission May & June	4,775

Awarded Walmart Grant

July



Farm Wagon	109, 110, 101,101
Thunderstruck Concert	1650+
Night Moves Bob Seger	1354
Water Squirt Gun Fight	38
Drawing Class	21,23,21
Jr. Vet Day	30
Hue Can Paint	11
Worship Celebration	360
Picnic in the Park July	581
July Pavilion Rentals	13
Rock Steady	220
Final 5 in 5	190
Run Meet Up	4, 8, 6
Community Kayak	67
Soccer Camp	21
Sports Camp	22
Yoga – Saturdays	24
Yoga – Weeknight	72
Gaga Ball	17
Human Foosball	17
Theater Thursday	14

**Awarded IAC & NEA Art Grant; Awarded Wells
County Foundation Grant**

August

Farm Wagon	113,102,116, 119
Night Moves Concert	1,354
August Pavilion Rentals	24
Pool Groundbreaking	106
Touch a Truck	1,028+
Theater Thursday	18
Yoga Saturdays	18
Weeknight Yoga	37
Rock Steady Boxing	172
Recovery on the River	103 race/ 200+ @ event
Parlor City Trot	182

Reader's Choice Awards:

2nd Place – Best Place to Take a Visitor:

River Greenway

2nd Place – Best Community Event:

Kehoe Concerts

2nd Place – Best Park/Playground:

Washington Park

3rd Place – Best Place to Take a Visitor:

Kehoe Park

September

Farm Wagon	98, 105, 104, 98, 131
Parlor City Trot	182
September Pavilion Rentals	23
Nerf Wars	28
Sr. Snippets Games Galore	11, 8
Sr. Snippets Wells Co. History	21
Sr. Snippets Diamond Art	19
Sr. Snippets Movie Club	16
Sr. Snippets Crochet	13
Sr. Snippets Mind Matters	12
Theater Thursday	13
Hue Can Paint	8
Saturday Yoga	24
Weeknight Yoga	34
Rock Steady Boxing	157
Pickleball June – September	459

October

Farm Wagon	107, 117, 115, 117
Ribbon Cutting for K9 Pavilion	33
Tot Time Police Station Visit	40
October Pavilion Rentals	19
Fall Coloring Contest	61
Weekday Walking	28
Toddler Time	39
Virtual Costume Contest	16
Boo In Bluffton	2,039
Weeknight Yoga	32
Oktoberfest 5k	87
5 in 5	52, 69
Rock Steady	223
Sr. Snippets Games Galore	10, 8
Sr. Snippets Wells Co. History	19, 16, 10
Sr. Snippets Diamond Art	22, 24, 16
Sr. Snippets Movie Club	18, 18, 16
Sr. Snippets Crochet	10, 9, 8
Sr. Snippets Mind Matters	8, 6
Theater Thursday	9
Saturday Yoga	18
Walk Steady for Rock Steady	98



November

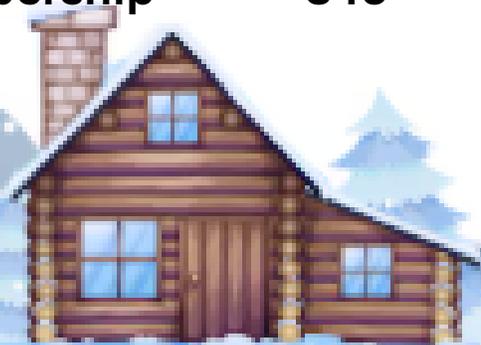
Farm Wagon	126, 91, 125, 106
Tot Time	49
November Pavilion Rentals	16
WOOF Trail Run	194
Open Gym	173
Weekday Walking	47
Meandering Turkey Contest	3 winners
Toddler Fire Station Visit	67
Hooked on Crochet	7, 7, 7
5 in 5	93, 49, 46
Wobble Before You Gobble	144
Rock Steady	138
Silver Sneakers	246
Theater Thursday	16
Hue Can Paint	9
Saturday Yoga	18
Weeknight Yoga	37

Awarded Wells County Foundation Grants

Awarded Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Grant

December

Farm Wagon	60, 102, 79, 89
Weekday Walking	21
Open Gym	124
Tot Time	23
Santa's Mailbox	124
Giant Stocking Contest	131
Story Time with Mrs. Claus	70
Special Christmas Visit	26
Winter Wonderland	209
Weeknight Yoga	72
Saturday Yoga	21
Search for Santa's Helper	7
Theater Thursday	7
Paws & Claus	63 people 35 pets
Jingle Jog	127
Rock Steady Boxing	105
Wellness Fitness Party	55
Positivi-tree	10
Silver Sneakers	162
Pavilion Rentals	10
K-9 Kommons Dog Park	56
City Gym Membership	349



Awards



IPRA State Award Creative Event under 5K Bluffton 5 in 5 5 K

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Kehoe Park

Improvements \$724,216

Repave Roush Parking lot, add additional parking lot

Repair the Basketball Court at Roush Park

Add accessible sidewalks to Roush Park

Stabilize 1,100 of Riverbank between Wayne Street & Howard Rich Pavilion

New sign at Kehoe Park

Repaint City Gym

2 New treadmills

New weight rack for the gym

New City Gym Door

Cab lights fitted on maintenance equipment

New Soccer Goals Lion's Park

New 9 Square in the Air Game

Repaint gazebo at Pickett's Run, Benches at Veterans, dugouts at Roush and Guard Rails on River Greenway

New large grill for Lion's Park

New Scorekeepers Shed at Roush Park

Paint veterans' benches, guard rails, and dugouts

New bench at Roush

2 New benches at Lancaster Park

New Maintenance Truck

2 New Score Boards at Roush Girls Diamonds

New Maintenance Support Facility at Lancaster

New Pavilion at K9 Kommon's Dog Park

Replace Teeter Totter at Dog Park

New Pergola at Community Garden, Storage Shed & Tools

New Portable Speaker System for Events



Roush Park



Serve on the Following Committees

Bluffton Now!

Culinary Advisory Board

IPRA Conference Planning Committee

Kehoe Conference Committee

Parlor City Christmas

Parlor City Community Garden

Parlor City Art Committee

Wells County Tourism Commission

Wells County Trails

Wellness Matters

Program Participants 31,999

Pool Attendance 11,015

City Gym Memberships 349

Dog Park Memberships 56

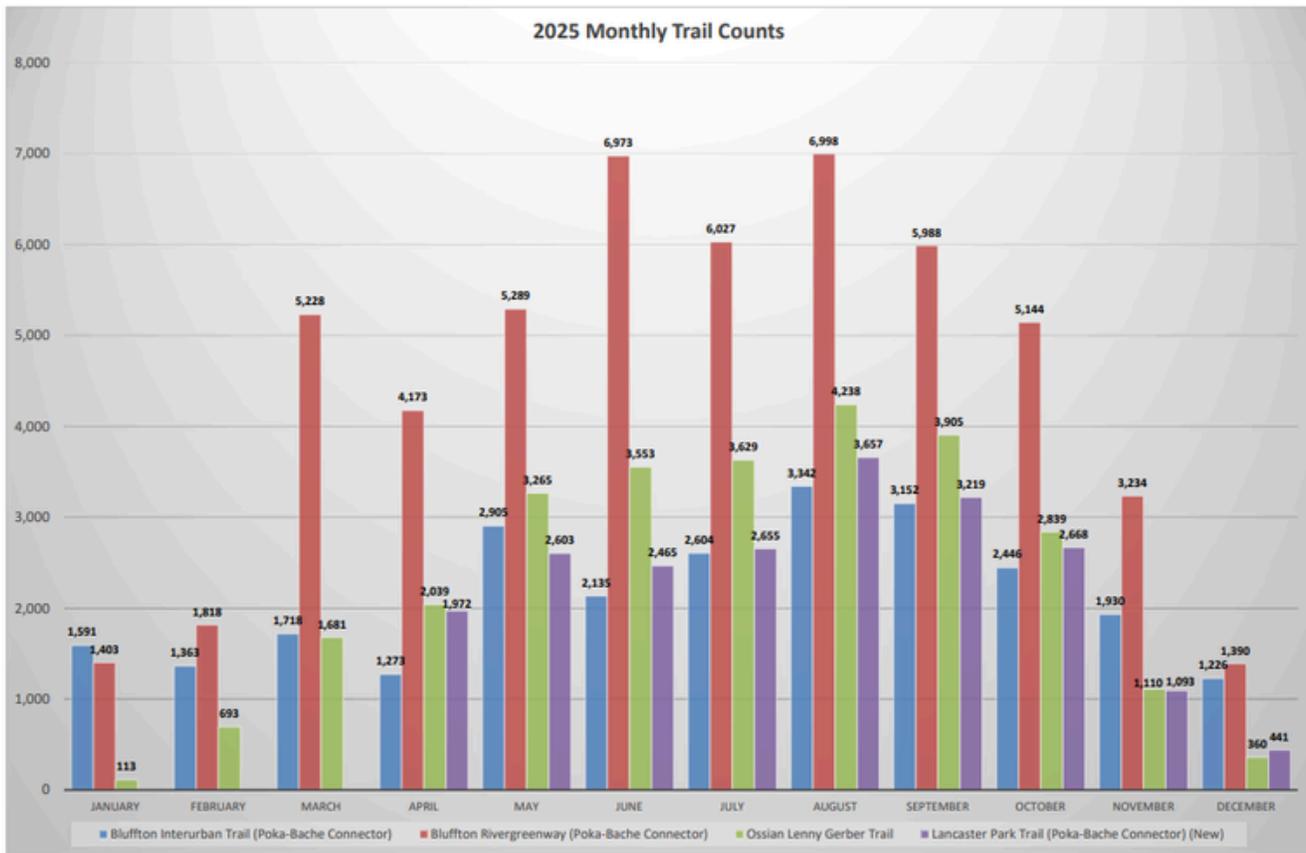
Facebook Followers: 11,740

Twitter Followers: 714

Instagram Followers: 1,239

Volunteer of the Year: Tony Terhune

Wells County Trail Counts - Monthly Trail Counts



Wells County Trail Counts - 1st Quarter

Wells County	2025	2025	2025	1st Quarter 2025	% Change from last year
Year Site	Jan	Feb	Mar	Counter Totals	
2025 Bluffton Interurban Trail (Poka-Bache Connector)	1,591	1,363	1,718	4,672	-24.1%
Bluffton Rivergreenway (Poka-Bache Connector)	1,403	1,818	5,228	8,449	25.6%
Ossian Lenny Gerber Trail	113	693	1,681	2,487	-51.2%
Totals	3,107	3,874	8,627	15,608	
Percent change from last year	-16.2%	-37.5%	6.8%	-13.2%	

Wells County Trail Counts - 2nd Quarter

Wells County	2025	2025	2025	2nd Quarter 2025	% Change from last year*
Year Site	April	May	June	Counter Totals	
2025 Bluffton Interurban Trail (Poka-Bache Connector)	1,273	2,905	2,135	6,313	-32.0%
Bluffton Rivergreenway (Poka-Bache Connector)	4,173	5,289	6,973	16,435	-9.3%
Ossian Lenny Gerber Trail	2,039	3,265	3,553	8,857	-12.1%
Lancaster Park Trail (Poka-Bache Connector) (New)	1,972	2,603	2,465	7,040	No Data
Totals	9,457	14,062	15,126	38,645	
Percent change from last year*	-13.3%	-25.2%	-6.4%	-15.7%	

Wells County Trail Counts - 3rd Quarter

Wells County	2025	2025	2025	3rd Quarter 2025	% Change from last year*
Year Site	July	Aug	Sept	Counter Totals	
2025 Bluffton Interurban Trail (Poka-Bache Connector)	2,604	3,342	3,152	9,098	-8.9%
Bluffton Rivergreenway (Poka-Bache Connector)	6,027	6,998	5,988	19,013	1.0%
Ossian Lenny Gerber Trail	3,629	4,238	3,905	11,772	2.1%
Lancaster Park Trail (Poka-Bache Connector) (New)	2,655	3,657	3,219	9,531	No Data
Totals	14,915	18,235	16,264	49,414	
*Percent change from last year	-18.3%	9.3%	8.6%	-1.2%	

Wells County Trail Counts - 4th Quarter

Wells County	2025	2025	2025	4th Quarter 2025	% Change from last year*
Year Site	Oct	Nov	Dec	Counter Totals	
2025 Bluffton Interurban Trail (Poka-Bache Connector)	2,446	1,930	1,226	5,602	-13.6%
Bluffton Rivergreenway (Poka-Bache Connector)	5,144	3,234	1,390	9,768	5.4%
Ossian Lenny Gerber Trail	2,839	1,110	360	4,309	-19.6%
Lancaster Park Trail (Poka-Bache Connector) (New)	2,668	1,093	441	4,202	No Data
Totals	13,097	7,367	3,417	23,881	
*Percent change from last year	-9.7%	6.8%	-19.4%	-6.8%	

*The Lancaster Park Trail location was not used to calculate % change from last year's counts since it is a new location.

Lancaster Park Disc Golf Course

Play counts from last year and this year *

January 1, 2025 to January 10, 2026



Stats and information powered by



What is disc golf?

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf, with players throwing discs at metal baskets instead of hitting balls into holes. This lifetime activity offers a low-cost, environmentally friendly form of recreation that is accessible to all ages and skill levels.

What is UDisc?

UDisc is the leading disc golf app on both Apple and Android devices. Players can find courses, get a map of the course, keep score, track their rounds, find events and much more.

Where does this data come from?

Everything on this sheet is collected from players that choose to track their disc golf rounds with UDisc. While there are many disc golfers worldwide, the number of players who use UDisc varies by region, so comparing these statistics against local survey data is the best way to extrapolate their findings.

* Casual rounds, league rounds, and tournament rounds are all included as long as they were tracked with UDisc. Each point on the chart represents the total plays over the previous 28 days.

** Calorie calculation is based off an average adult weight of 150lbs.
Calories burned = MET (3.8) x 3.5 x Weight (68.0389kg) / 200 x hours spent x 60

Herrmann, S.D., et al. (2024). *Journal of Sport and Health Science*, 13(1), 6-12.
Kaminski, J. (n.d.). NASM. blog.nasm.org/metabolic-equivalents-for-weight-loss

Stats from the past year

January 10, 2025 to January 10, 2026

Play count
740

Unique players
126

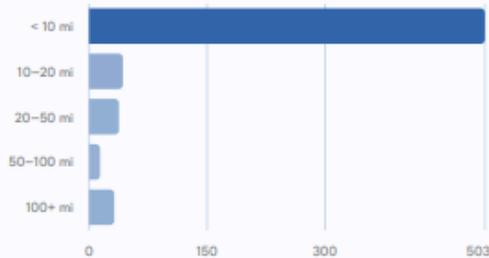
Recreation hours
596

Miles walked
797

Steps taken
1,795,486

Calories burned **
161,799

Where players are coming from



US states (9)
CO, FL, IL, IN, KS, MI, OH, TN, UT

Countries (1)
United States

More about disc golf

There are 16,267 public courses available on UDisc as of February 20, 2025.

There are disc golf courses in 91 countries.

In 2024 on UDisc:

20.1 million rounds of disc golf were played.

1.26 million disc golfers used the app.

33 million recreation hours were spent on the course.

Where did players visit from? (total unique players)

	Over 50 km/30 mi away	25
	Over 250 km/150 mi away	9
	Over 500 km/300 mi away	5

Visiting states

8

Volunteer Hours 2,493!



Compliments

River Greenway improvements: I remember in the 70s and 80s, there was just dirt and grass along the river on River Road! Wow what a difference a day makes - It's nothing like it use to be! I'm so proud of Bluffton for making the choice to make that change! It's really came a long way since then and River Road and that path is one of the nicest upgrades Bluffton has done ... The Parks are right up there, too! Keep up the great work! It looks amazing!

Kehoe Concerts - Kudos to the Bluffton Parks Department. Not many small communities have free concerts at this level of talent. Thanks for a great Friday evening of memories with Thunderstruck.

Kehoe Concerts - Thank you, Brandy and Bluffton Parks, for an awesome summer concert series! Thank you for your hard work with the crowds that attended you can see what a success this year was!

Summer Recreation: So thankful for the Bluffton Parks for all they do for our community, especially what they do for our kiddos in the summertime! My kids love attending your events! This Mama is very thankful for all you do.

Lego Build Challenge: "This is so much fun for the kids and is even engaging for my teenage son! You knocked this one out of the park again, so creative!"

Power Wheels in the Park: "This was so much fun watching the little ones ride around the park in their Power Wheels cars." "This was so creative to set the whole thing up like this."

Art in the Park and Picnic in the Park: "Other communities and towns need to have more programs as you guys have." "This is just amazing, everything that you offer for kids."

Fuse Bead Magnet and Friendship bracelets: "This was my favorite event to do, I had fun making them."

Stuff and Fluff: "We are from Adams County, and we come to Bluffton just to take part in all of your fun events that you offer." "You guys do such a good job!"