



BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISPATCH

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NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH



July's A Month For Recreation

Dubbed "A City Within a Park," Boca Raton is built for celebrating National Park and Recreation Month.

Recognizing the important role parks play in establishing and maintaining the quality of life for individuals and their communities, the National Recreation and Park Association designated July as National Park and Recreation Month.

The Boca Raton community is home to more than 50 parks, and the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District owns or funds some of the biggest and best.

With so many recreational choices, keeping track of which park offers which activity isn't always easy. Here's a list of some of the activities that can be enjoyed at Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District Parks.



Keeping It Cool This Summer

OK, you're right. Throughout most of the country July is the perfect month for National Park and Recreation Month, but in Florida it's pretty hot. Spending a full day on athletic fields or courts under that Florida sun can be draining.

Fortunately, District parks offer plenty of features to help keep the Boca Raton community cool on those bright July days.

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Tiger Tale

There's a tiger visiting Patch Reef Park. *It's A Tiger* by David LaRoche is the latest children's book featured on Patch Reef's StoryWalk. To enjoy the book, adventurers



Commissioners Picking Faves

As part of National Park and Recreation month, we thought it would be fun to ask our five Boca Raton Beach and Park District Commissioners to name their favorite Boca Raton park or feature within a park - choosing from among the parks the District either owns or funds.

Below are their answers, along with the reasons behind their choices.

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Tennis Time

Earlier this month crews completed the upgrades to the tennis courts at the Boca Raton Swim & Racquet Center. All 26 Har-Tru courts have been resurfaced and are

can head to the first station, located between the Pirate's Cove Playground and the basketball courts. They can follow the walk – running, jumping and climbing from station to station - in search of the tiger in the illustrations. It's a roaring good time!

ready for play. The number of lit tennis courts increased from 12 to 20, and all the existing lights were converted to LED. Even before the upgrades, the USTA had chosen the Racquet Center as a 2021 Outstanding Facility of the Year. Serve's up!

Ode To Open Space

“Children, and really this applies to all of us, at times must be ‘sold’ on recreation. I know my own four-year-old son, Jarrett, is much more likely to be interested in an activity or a certain toy once he sees other children have found it to be a good time.” - *NFL Hall-of-Famer Walter Payton, endorsing National Park and Recreation month.*



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Did you know that you can reserve a newly upgraded Boca Raton Racquet Center tennis court online? Simply follow the link below, create your account, and pick your tennis time. Everything's coming up aces!

[Reserve Your Court](#)

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