

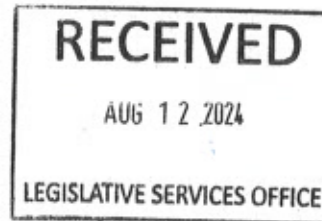
Survey of Barrie Playing Fields Apparently Not In Current Use.

During the preparation of the report, we heard from minor sports associations that there were not enough playing fields, particularly for soccer and baseball, to accommodate the numbers of children desiring to play.

In order to assess the possibility that some unused fields might be available, we compiled lists of the fields currently in use. For soccer fields, we went to www.Barriesoccer.com which linked to: <https://season-microsites.ui.sportsengine.com/seasons/6536d5b43422971540a62dfb/schedule2>.

This site showed all the scheduled minor-league soccer games and their locations. By going through all the schedules, we compiled the following list of soccer fields apparently in use:

Assikinack Park
Barrie Sports Complex
Batteaux Park
College Heights A and B
Golden Meadow
Harvie Park
Hickling Park West
Holly/ Peggy Hill Major
Holly/Peggy Hill Minor
Huronian A to I
Livingstone Park A and B
Mapleton Park
Marsellus Park
Nursery Road Sports Complex
Osprey Ridge Park
Sandringham A1, A2, A3, A4
Steele Full
Stollar Park
Summerset Park
Tree Nursery Sports Park 1, 2, 3, and 4
Veterans Woods
Victoria Woods Fields 1, 2, 3 and 4



Similarly, to compile the list of baseball diamonds currently in use, we went to www.barriebaseball.com where we found listed all the scheduled games for minor-league baseball. Note that this site offers a list of diamond locations, but three of those, Lampman Lane, MacMorrison and Queen's Parks, do not appear in any of the schedules. By going through all the schedules, we compiled the following list of baseball diamonds apparently in use:

Barrie Sports Complex
Bayshore Park
Bear Creek park
Cheltenham Park
Cundles West Park
East Bayfield Park
Greenfield Park
Hyde Park
Lennox Park
Livingstone Park
Madelaine Park
Marsellus Park
Painswick Park
Sandringham Park
Stroud Field

Finally we went to that most useful City listing of all parks with their available features, shown at <https://www.barrie.ca/community-recreation-environment/parks-trails-waterfront/parks>. We went through the entire list of parks, and identified all the ones which had soccer fields, baseball diamonds, or both. These are listed in the table at the end of this paper.

For each park, the relevant airphoto was examined in the Simcoe County GIS, available at <https://opengis.simcoe.ca/public/?THEME=Forestry%20and%20Recreation>. This extremely valuable system let us look closely at each field. In the list, parks with available fields are identified with X. If the field had been identified as being in use in our compilation, then the identification was XY. If the field was not in our compiled list, then the identification was XN.

For fields not apparently in use, we measured the critical dimension. For soccer fields, this was the length of the field from goal to goal, as measured in the GIS. For baseball diamonds, this was the radius of the field, measured along the first and third base lines. These measurements are shown beside the N in the list.

From this survey, it appears possible that there are 7 unused soccer fields and 8 unused baseball diamonds, excluding Queen's Park. Highlighted in red are the names of parks with no scheduled games that we could find.

In addition, Cartwright Park currently has a small soccer field only 45 metres long, which is apparently not in use. However, there is enough unused space in that park to provide two soccer fields each 80x45 metres. We note that Cartwright Park is included in the Barrie 2024 Play Court Construction & Park Site Works Program. An update (<https://www.barrie.ca/planning-building-infrastructure/current-projects/municipal-infrastructure-projects/play-court-construction-park-site-works-program>) dated 6 August, says that "*the City will connect with Barrie residents to learn about the community's interests and needs for Cartwright Park related to the proposed full-sized play court feature*". With luck, this program might provide one or two more available soccer fields.

Barrie Parks with Soccer and/or Baseball Fields			
Field	Soccer	Baseball	Notes
Assikinack Park	XY		
Barrie Community Sports Complex	XY	XY	
Batteaux Park	XY		
Bayshore Park		X	
Bear Creek Park		X	Discussed in report.
Cartwright Park	XN 40m (small)		Space for 2 possible soccer fields, each 80x45m
Catherine Park	XN 53m		
Cheltenham Park		XY	
Cloughley Park		XN 76m	
College Heights Park	2XY		
East Bayfield Park	XN 60m	XY	Has dome
Eastview Community Park	2XN 100m		
Ferndale Park	XN 98m	XN 90m	
Golden Meadow Park	XY		
Greenfield Park		XY	
H.G. Robertson Park		XN 66m	
Hanmer Park	XN 90m	XN 80m	
Harvie Park	XY		
Hickling Park	XY		
Holly Community Park	XY		
Huron North Park	9XY		
Hyde Park		XY	
Kearsey Park		XN 80m	
Lampman Lane Park		XN 68m	
Lennox Park		XY	

Livingstone Park	XY	XY	
Lougheed Park	XN 100m		
MacMorrison Park		XN 74m	
Maitland Park		XN 90m	
Mapleton Park	XY		
Marsellus Park	XY	XY	Discussed in Report
Osprey Ridge Park	XY		
Painswick Park		XY	
Pringle Park	X?N		Tight space
Queen's Park		XN	Discussed in Report
Riverwood Park	XN		Discussed in Report
Sandringham Park	XY	XY	Discussed in Report
Shear Park		XY	
Steel Street Park	XY		
Stollar Park	XY		
Summerset Park	XY		
Veteran's Woods Park	XY		
Victoria Woods Park	XY		