

City of Sarnia

Parks & Recreation Department

Adopt-A-Park or Trail Program

Overview

The City of Sarnia has over 100+ parks and open spaces that range in size from smaller passive green space to large multipurpose parks, many of which include neighborhood playgrounds. The Parks & Recreation Department also maintains many trails and pathways including the Howard Watson Nature Trail, 15 hectares of waterfront and beachfront and multiple outdoor sports complexes.

Mission

Adopt-A-Park or Trail Program is a community partnership between the Parks & Recreation Department and interested residents and community groups within the City of Sarnia.

Vision

The program encourages community groups, neighborhoods, families, friends and businesses to become actively involved in the preservation, beautification and enhancement of our many great trails, parks, places and spaces promoting environmental stewardship and civic pride.

The **Adopt-A-Park or Trail Program** is designed to encourage our community to get outdoors through active participation and engage our community neighborhoods and groups in providing an activity with a purpose to promote civic pride. Together we can build and promote a clean, green, active and healthy City of Sarnia. The program will strengthen your connection to your neighborhood and increase the overall aesthetics of our parks and provide a safe environment.

Gather your neighbors, friends or colleagues and assemble an **Adopt-A Park or Trail** team, identify a park or trail you wish to adopt and register your site with the Parks & Recreation Department.

Any of our parks, trails and green space are available for adoption within the **Adopt-A-Park or Trail Program**.



Adopt A Park

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Adopt-A- Park or Trail Team commits to:

- Working in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Dept. in monitoring the conditions of the park, trail or green space;
- Participate in the Annual Community Parks Clean-Up day hosted by the Parks & Recreation Department in conjunction with Earth Week;
- In addition to the Community Parks Clean-Up day, participate in a minimum of 2 park cleanup projects annually (Summer & Fall);
- Minimum commitment of 3 Years providing consistency and continuity to the program;
- Consider hosting team events within the Park;
- Provide routine Inspections of adopted space and report any maintenance requirements or issues directly to the Parks & Recreation Department;
- Provide the City of Sarnia with signed Waiver Forms for all team members;
- Record team volunteer commitment hours and report to the Parks & Recreation Department;

Parks & Recreation Department commits to:

- Work in partnership with the **Adopt-A-Park or Trail** team to help determine a park or trail space to adopt;
- Erect an **Adopt-A-Park** sign with your team name on it, recognizing your commitment and efforts to your adopted space for the duration of the adopting period;
- Assist in coordinating park initiatives and projects you may wish to undertake;
- Provide Clean-Up Kits consisting of garbage/recycling bags, gloves, first aid kits, sharps containers and safety information for each clean-up;
- Pick up and disposal of collected garbage/yard waste as required.

Adopt-A-Park or Trail teams are encouraged to engage in a variety of activities which may include:

- Tree planting and watering and looking after shrub gardens;
- Painting of park playground equipment and or park furniture;
- Provide donations towards the placement of new playground equipment and or park furniture.

The Parks & Recreation Department will publicly recognize all **Adopt-A-Park or Trail** teams and the park, trail or green space the team has adopted. A special sign will be erected in your adopted park, featuring the team name, and a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Sarnia will be presented to your group.

The Adoption process is simple. Simply fill out the attached application and return to the Parks & Recreation Office. Once received, the **Adopt-A-Park or Trail** application will be reviewed and processed with every effort made to accommodate your request for the adoption of your desired park or trail.

Parks & Recreation staff will meet on site with approved **Adopt-A-Park or Trail** team leaders.

For more information or to submit your application:

- Visit our website: www.sarnia.ca/parks
- Parks & Recreation office: 519-332-0330
- parksandrecreation@sarnia.ca

