



Bristol Indiana Parks

Memorial Park

Community Events Park

Memorial is Bristol's Fourth Park and latest park.

The property for the Park was acquired by the Town in July of 2004 and is located on the corner of State Rd. 120 and State Rd. 15 in the down town.

Origin of the Name

The Park was named Memorial to honor such revered citizens as long-time Bristol High School teacher Tommy Thompson. A memorial plaque honoring Thompson is located here.

Amenities

An electronic sign detailing community events and activities is prominently placed in the park on the busiest corner in Town. A gazebo with a swing, benches, walkways, a water fountain and trash cans are installed here. Community presentations are held, such as the installation of a commemorative plaque regarding a legal decision involving an Underground Railroad incident in Bristol. Memorial is the smallest of the Parks, only about 90 x 100 feet, but it is an oasis of green on this very busy corner.



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Hermance Park

River & Pavilion Park

Hermance was Bristol's first Park

The Park was presented to the Town in 1959 by the Bristol Conservation Park in time to hold that year's Bristol Homecoming. Profits from Homecomings were used to further develop the Park. It is located at the north end of Apollo Street next to the St. Joseph River Public Access Site. It is north of State Rd. 120 on the south side of the River, where it joins the Little Elkhart River. The five acre plot is low land and can flood at times.

Origin of the Name

The Park was named for Bud Hermance, a long-time Bristol resident and one-time Town Marshal.

Pavilion Rental available

Amenities

The Park includes a enclosed Pavilion that rents for events such as wedding receptions and family reunions. It is equipped with a kitchen, restrooms, tables and chairs to accommodate between 125-150. South and west of the Pavilion is an area with picnic tables, new playground equipment and park benches along the River. For Pavilion rental information, call 574-848-7007 M-F 8:30-1pm. The Park adjoins the I.D.N.R owned River access and they share a graveled parking lot. There are two boat ramps which were updated in Sept. 2004. A number of events are held here, including the yearly Bridge to Bridge race. The 2008 US Canoe Association National races were also held here. Kayakers and Canoe fans use the river access to paddle up the River to Michigan.



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Congdon Park

Family & Events Park

Congdon was 3rd Park

It was acquired by Bristol in 1987 to host the annual Bristol Homecoming.

Origin of the Name

The Park was named for Earl Congdon, whose family for three generations owned the Congdon Drug Store in down town Bristol.

Gazebo Rental Available

Amenities

The wooden gazebo houses events such as weddings, parties and reunions and will hold approximately 40-50 people. For Pavilion rental information, call 574-848-7007 M-F 8:30-1pm. The balance of the park does not require a reservation, but is open to the Public.

Park benches and picnic tables are located in the park and there is playground equipment, including the Karsyn Bell Pirate Ship. A wooden fishing platform is located at the south end of the park, and a paved 1/4 mile walking path encircles the park.

Public events held in the Park include the Pay It Forward Festival, a Car Show, and the annual Homecoming.

The Park is located on the north bank of the St. Joe River along State Rd 15, directly north of the Division St. bridge and is a 4 acre plot, part meadow and part woodland.





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Cummins Park

Sports & Splash Pad Park

Cummins was the second Park

The land was acquired by Bristol in 1976 from land donated to the Town by Howard Rush in the early 1970's.

Origin of the Name

Originally called Centennial park, the name was changed a few years later to honor Cloyce Cummins, long time Bristol resident and former Bristol Fire Chief.

Amenities

The 2012 addition of the Splash Pad to be officially opened for the Summer Season of 2013 will include 6 spray features for various ages and will have benches and picnic tables for observers. The site also has two lighted tennis courts, two basketball courts, and a volley ball net. There is an open shelter that can be used for picnics. Additional playground equipment is planned. At the east edge of the park is a white picket fence which encloses the remaining graves from early Bristol pioneers, like the Cathcarts and the Nicholsons, veterans of the Revolutionary War & 1812. First burial was in the 1830's and the last in the 1850's.

The Park is located in down town Bristol, directly behind the Elkhart County Historical Museum on West Vistula St. (State Rd. 120) and is a 3 acre plot edging the south side of the St. Joseph River.

