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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Dubuque Parks Open April 30 for 2011 Season**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque’s parks will open for the 2011 season on Saturday, April 30. The parks have traditionally opened on the first Saturday in May, but will open early this year.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, the gates at Eagle Point and Murphy parks will be open, and the restrooms and all other amenities at all parks will be available. The parks will also be patrolled.

The City of Dubuque offers 47 parks covering 878 acres and features: 18 miles of trails, 25 park shelters, 1,000 picnic tables, 19 tennis courts, 18 restrooms, four accessible fishing piers, two skate parks, 262 units of play equipment, a pet park, a disc golf course, an in-line hockey rink, eight softball fields, one baseball field, and approximately 4,600 trees.

Admission to all parks is free, except Eagle Point Park where admission is free to pedestrians and bicyclists all day but \$1 for motor vehicles and \$5 for buses after 9 a.m. Eagle Point Park is open from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday.

Park pavilions are available for rent at Eagle Point, Flora, Miller Riverview, and Murphy parks. The Washington Park Gazebo may also be rented. Reservations may be arranged by calling the Leisure Services Department at 589-4263 or by visiting [www.cityofdubuque.org/parks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/parks).

Miller Riverview Park and Campground is currently closed due to Mississippi River flooding. It is anticipated that it will take at least three to four weeks to clean the campground after the river level drops below 15 feet. The Leisure Services Department does not plan to begin accepting camping space reservations until late May or early June. If you are interested in automatically receiving e-mail or text updates on reservations, please subscribe to the Miller Riverview Camping Reservation Updates “Notify Me” option on the City website

at [www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/notifyme) . You can also listen to a recorded message at 589-4238 or call the Leisure Services Department at 589-4263 or e-mail Park Division Manager Robert Fritsch at [rfritsch@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:rfritsch@cityofdubuque.org)

Residents are reminded that pets are not allowed in City parks except on leashes at Miller Riverview Park, A.Y. McDonald Park, Heron Pond Trail, Granger Creek Nature Trail, John G. Bergfeld Recreation Area and Jaycee Trail. The Pet Park on North Grandview Avenue has a \$1 daily user fee per pet and annual passes are available (\$25 per pet for Dubuque residents and \$35 for non-residents).

For more information, contact the Leisure Services Department at 589-4263 or visit [www.cityofdubuque.org/parks](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/parks).

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