



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
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Chatham County Celebrates National Parks and Recreation Month

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Chatham County, GA (July 10, 2026) - The Chatham County Board of Commissioners has officially proclaimed July as National Park and Recreation Month in Chatham County. Approved during the Commission's July 10 meeting, the proclamation recognizes the role parks, trails, recreation programs, and open spaces play in improving quality of life and community.

National Park and Recreation Month is an annual initiative led by the National Recreation and Park Association to celebrate the positive impact of local parks and recreation.

"We're grateful to the Chatham County Commission for recognizing July as National Park and Recreation Month and for their continued support of our parks and recreation system," said Chatham County Parks and Recreation Director Stephen Proper. "This proclamation also recognizes the hard work of our staff, who are dedicated to maintaining our parks, creating impactful programs, and providing safe, welcoming spaces where our community can connect."

The Chatham County Parks and Recreation Department maintains and operates more than 50 facilities across the county, including parks, nature preserves, and sports complexes. The county also offers various youth sports programs, educational classes, and rental spaces.

"Our parks, preserves, trails, and greenspaces are a tremendous point of pride for Chatham County. Not only do they provide a space for outdoor recreation and exercise, but they are also a place for our community to come together in fellowship," Chatham County Chairman and CEO Chester A. Ellis said. "I want to personally thank the staff and volunteers who make these spaces special, and join them in celebrating National Parks and Recreation Month."

The 2026 theme, "The Power Of," highlights the many ways parks and recreation positively impact daily life. Each week in July will spotlight a different aspect of how parks and recreation make a difference, including:

- The Power of People
- The Power of Play
- The Power of History
- The Power of Community

This July, Chatham County Parks and Recreation encourages you to get outside, explore a local park or recreation facility, and experience the difference these spaces make in your life. Post your story on social media using [#ChathamParks](#) and inspire others to get outside too.

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