

maintained by of the Bartelme/Schwefel Detachment the Marine Corps League. It opened in 1996 and contains a small pavilion.

**16** **WATERTOWN PET EXERCISE PARK**  
*This park is located on the city's southeast side and is accessible off of Boomer Street. This 10 acre park is built on the city's old land fill site and it is designed as a leashed pet exercise area. It features a parking lot and one mile of mowed trail.*

**17** **WASHINGTON PARK**  
*This park is located on the 200 block of South 12th Steet, across from Webster School.*  
This park was originally a picnicking area known as Richards Grove in the 1860s. The land once belonged to John Richards, builder of the city's famous Octagon House. In the 1890s it was developed into a driving park by William R. Thomas, John Richards grandson. Today it is the city's only lighted baseball facility and is the scene of many baseball games played by local teams including the Watertown High School athletic department. The park contains six acres and contains a pavilion, restrooms and playground.

**18** **TIVOLI ISLAND**  
*Located off East Main Street*  
This little island contains four acres and is a unique park restored to a natural prairie state. The Izaak Walton League has been instrumental in the development of this park and helps to preserve its



natural setting. Wood chip hiking trails make for easy access where fishing, bird watching and hiking can be enjoyed. The island also boasts a rare bow-span bridge connecting it to the mainland. Tivoli Island was developed into a pleasure spot in the 1880s by the Concordia Opera Society and known for a time as Concordia Island. It became known as Tivoli Island after the turn of the century.

**19** **RIVERSIDE PARK**  
*Entrance can be gained from Division and North Fourth Streets.* Riverside is the Park and Rec Department's most heavily used and most scenic park. Its 28.9 acres are laid out along the banks of the Rock River. The park contains many amenities including an upper and lower pavilion, a band shell, river and island shelters, celebration shelter, gazebo, volleyball courts, open picnic areas, Chamberland Playground, the Watertown Aquatic Center, tennis courts, softball and baseball complex and horseshoe courts. It is also host to Watertown's long-standing Tuesday Farmers Market. This park was developed in 1910.

**20** **MARY ROSE PARK**  
*A 4.4 acre park located on the city's northeast side, located to the east of Highway 16 and accessible from Meadowbrook Lane.* Mary Rose is a fairly new neighborhood park still being developed. Playground equipment was added in 2003.

## A TOUR OF THE PARKS OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN

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The Watertown park system is made up of over 22 parks covering more than 300 acres. In the Watertown park system you will find a wide variety of recreational activities for both the most active and passive recreational interests.

Since the earliest of days, there was been a desire on the part of the citizens of Watertown to beautify their surroundings. In the mid 1800s public parks were not common, but forerunners to the current parks system abounded in the forms of "Sommergartens" or German pleasure spots. A public square was laid out in 1844 and this became perhaps the very first park in the city. Today, this area is known as Veteran's Park.

Since the creation of the Watertown Outdoor Art Association in the early 1900s, and later the establishment of the Watertown Parks and Recreations Department, there has been a concerted effort not only to establish parks, but to maintain them in a beautiful and thoughtful manner. Many people are to thank for today's excellent parks system, which Watertown residents and visitors to the city can relax and enjoy.

This brochure will guide the visitor toward some of the many parks that exist in the city today. For information on renting the park facilities, call the Watertown Park & Rec Department at (920) 262-8080, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00.

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**1** TIMOTHY JOHNSON PARK

*Lowell and Elba Streets*

This five acre park located on the city's west side was developed in 1968 and named in honor of the founder of Watertown, Timothy Johnson. The park contains a shelter, barbecue grill, playground, ball diamond and basketball court.

**2** BRANDT-QUIRK PARK

*Located at the end of Carriage Hill Drive*

This park encompasses 167 acres and includes a large shelter complete with restrooms and concession stand, four soccer fields and 10 lighted tennis courts, 3.75 mile trail system for hiking, a leashed dog walking area and an area for cross country skiing. A Youth Baseball Center opened in the park in 2002. It features five diamonds and a large centrally located pavilion with restrooms and concession stand.

**3** WATERTOWN SKATEPARK

*Located along Carriage Hill Drive adjacent to the Watertown High School.* This park opened in June 2003 and features a 120' X 100' concrete surface with 20 different obstacles for skaters and bikes.

**4** LINCOLN PARK

*Union and Elm Streets*

This 4.5 acre park was originally known as the city circus lot because it was used by traveling circuses for pitching their shows. It was developed into a park in the mid 1930s. During the late 1940s it was the scene of a Quonset hut village, but since 1951 it has been used exclusively for park services. The amenities include a picnic facility shelter with running water and restrooms, playground, ball diamond, volleyball court and basketball court.

**5** UNION PARK

*Lafayette and South Monroe Streets*

This 2.3 acre park located in the southwestern part of the city contains a picnic shelter with running water and restrooms, a playground, ball diamond and basketball court.

**6** GRINWALD PARK

*Located along Milford Street in the southwestern part*

*of Watertown.* This is a 19 acre park containing two soccer fields and a natural wooded area. This park was donated to the city by the Grinwald family in 1992.

**7** DEER TRAIL PARK

*Located at the intersection of Deer Trail and Willow Creek Parkway in the southwestern part of the city.* This neighborhood park covers 6.3 acres containing playground equipment, a sand volleyball court, soccer goals and a baseball backstop. It is one of the newer parks, having been opened in 2003.

**8** SCHALLER PARK

*Located off Riverview Lane in the southwestern part of the city along the Rock River.* This one acre park is a relaxing area and a pleasant spot to enjoy some quiet moments. Here you will find a few picnic tables, a barbecue grill and playground equipment.



**9** FANNIE P. LEWIS PARK

*North Water Street along the Rock River*

This narrow, 1 acre park includes a boat landing, handicapped fishing pier, gazebo and Bobbie Maas Memorial Fountain. This park is named for a benefactress of the city.

**10** SILVER CREEK

*Located along N. Water Street*

Silver Creek is a small parcel of land used by the Park & Rec Department during the winter months as an ice skating facility. A warming house is available for skaters.

**11** DANIEL BRANDENSTEIN PARK

*Located off Spaulding Street in the north*

*central part of the city.* It was developed into a park in the early 1980s and renamed in honor of Watertown-born astronaut Daniel Brandstein. The park contains 11.8 acres and contains a ball diamond and playground equipment.

**12** ROCK RIVER WALKWAY

*Accessible from Main Street Bridge as well as from S. First St.* The walkway, which was developed in 1987, begins at the 2.5 acre Senior and Community Center, 514 S. First St., and follows the river north to Main Street Bridge. An observation deck provides a picturesque view of the lower dam. Park benches, a

board walk and a small plaza located at Main Street provide an attractive and relaxed setting for a walk along the river. Future plans are in the works for an extension of the walkway further south and north, and of a companion walkway on the west side of the river.

**13** VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

*Located between South Third and South Fourth Streets.* This is perhaps the oldest park in Watertown, having been laid out as a public square when the city was platted in 1844. In 1899, a Civil War

monument was erected and a World War I cannon can be found there.

**14** CLARK PARK

*Located along Clark Street in the south central part of the city.* This park is built on land which formerly housed the last brickyard in Watertown, the Watertown Brick and Tile Co. It was developed in the late 1930s and covers 6.4 acres. The park contains a large pavilion with running water and restrooms, playground facilities, ball diamond, two tennis courts, volleyball court and a basketball court.

**15** AERO PARK

*This small park located along Boomer Street is*

