

## **Burns Park – North Little Rock’s Good Natured Playground**

(North Little Rock, AR) Good natured Burns Park provides a setting like no other in a municipal setting. At 1,600 acres it is one of the largest city parks in the nation offering enjoyment for visitors of all ages.

Parents will find that a child’s fantasyland is located in Burns Park with seven playgrounds. Astro City features “rocket” slides while in another location you will find a climbing wall for small children. All of the play areas are located on the north side of Interstate 40.

Funland Amusement Park, is open weekends Easter through October offering rides for small children through teens. One of the most popular rides is the Argenta Belle train which takes riders along the perimeter of Funland. For a quick snack, patrons will find a concession stand located in the center of Funland. There is also a miniature golf course managed by Funland.

Bicyclists will find the options available in Burns Park irresistible. Over three miles of paved trails meander through the 200 acre 20-field soccer complex. The River Trail, linking the cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock passes through Burns Park. A BMX (bicycle motocross) track is located south of Interstate 40 with races on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

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Be sure to keep an eye out for wildlife along the Boy Scout Hiking Trail. The trail offers a five mile or ten mile option. The Visitors Information Center, located in Burns Park, offers maps of the trails in addition to promotional literature about Arkansas.

Burns Park Tennis Center is managed by the Arkansas Tennis Association. It features a total of twenty nine courts. Twenty three courts are outdoors with the remaining six indoors. The Center offers various programs, including lessons, for all ages.

First class baseball and softball fields along with basketball and volleyball courts offer additional areas for activities.

The month of December features approximately one mile of beautiful lights during the “Holiday Lights in Burns Park” event on Funland Drive. Scenes include the Twelve Days of Christmas, a Dickens Village and Snowflake City with snowflake tunnels. Other themes are carried out throughout the display. “Dashin’ thru the Lights Fun Run” also takes place one evening.

Other activities in Burns Park include a dog park, horseshoe pits, fishing, camping, archery, golf, disc golf and if you own horses, equestrian trails are available.

For more information on Burns Park, call the Visitor Information Center at (800) 643-4690 or visit [www.northlittlerock.org](http://www.northlittlerock.org).