



A Brief History of Wheeling Park

The story of Wheeling Park began before the turn of the 20th century, when the land was part of an estate owned by English immigrant, Thomas Hornbrook. People would travel from miles around to walk the beautiful grounds, known as "Hornbrook's Park".

As time went by, the park's appearance changed to reflect the sign of the times. At one point, it was a private amusement park with arcades, rides, swimming pool and casino. In its heyday, the park was owned and operated by the Reymann Brewing company, who patterned it after the colorful German beer gardens.

But changing tastes, World War I and the pending shadow of prohibition led to the park's closing in the late teens. Before too long, the park was deserted and run-down. There were many failed attempts to purchase the park for public use, but chamber president, Otto Schenk, refused to let the issue die.

In 1924, two Wheeling businessmen, Charles Sonneborn and Louis Haller, purchased the 130 acre property. They offered to sell the property back to the city if enough public funds could be acquired to buy and equip the park. Many local businessmen came forward, including W.E. Stone and Earl W. Oglebay, and eventually enough funds were gathered. The park was officially deemed "Wheeling Park" and opened to the public in May, 1925.

Although Wheeling Park has experienced much growth and expansion since opening its gates to the public in the 1920s, many historical structures, such as the majestic Sonneborn entrance gates, the Madonna of the Trail statue (1928), the Schwertfeger Shelter and Stifel Playground (both 1948) still exist today.



Directions:

From the I-70 West: take exit 5 (WV 88/Elm Grove/Triadelphia). Turn left at the end of the ramp and go to traffic light. Turn RIGHT onto U.S. 40/WV-88. Travel approximately 1 mile and you will see the Wheeling Park entrance gates on your right hand side.

From I-70 East, take exit 4 (WV-88/Elm Grove). Veer left on exit ramp and turn left onto U.S. Route 40. Travel approximately .7 miles. You will see the Wheeling Park entrance gates on your right hand side.



Wheeling Park

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For over eighty years, Wheeling Park has been a place for families, friends and groups to come together. The lush grounds contain a variety of amenities for people of all ages including:

- Olympic-size swimming pool with diving boards.
- Water slide that twists and turns 350 feet down the hillside.
- Nine hole golf course with cars and clubs available for rental.
- Challenging 18 hole, miniature golf course.
- Indoor & outdoor tennis courts.
- Soccer fields.
- Ice skating and hockey.
- The Good Lake with pedal boats.
- Outdoor amphitheater.
- Stifel Playground.
- Numerous picnic spots including tables and covered shelters.
- Lush gardens filled with seasonal flowers.
- The White Palace which houses a refreshment stand, game room, banquet facilities and The Hall of Champions.

Meeting/Banquet Facilities

No matter what size area you need for your event, Wheeling Park can accommodate you. We offer a variety of different-sized meeting spaces and banquet facilities. Our catering department can assist you in selecting a meal suitable for your function, or if you prefer, arrangements can be made to use an outside caterer of your choice.



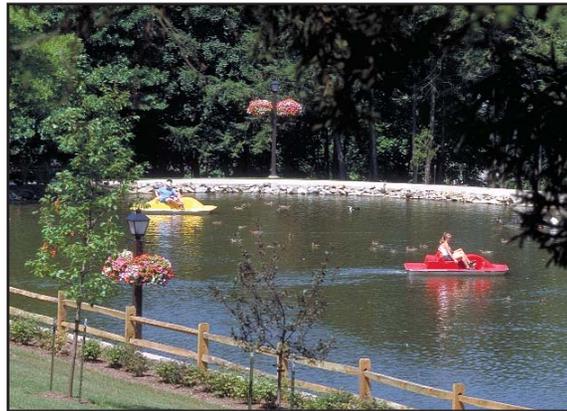
There are also many options for informal gatherings. Choose from a variety of outdoor shelters and picnic areas. Call **304-243-4085** or **800-624-6988 (ext. 4085)** for more details or to reserve one of our facilities for your next event.

Recreational Activities for the Whole Family!

Winter, Summer, Spring or Fall...You'll find beautiful scenery and activities for all seasons at Wheeling Park. Take a refreshing dip in the olympic-sized pool or join the hundreds of adventure seekers each day who ride tubes, made for one or two riders, down the twists and turns of our giant water slide.



Visit with the ducks as you pedal around our man-made lake on a pedal boat. Then head over to the Stifel Playground, which sits on a rubberized safety surface, and contains a variety of equipment with individual activity areas based on children's age and level of skill.



Anyone up for a game of putt putt, or would you rather play on our full-size, 9 hole course? The full-size course is open year-round, weather permitting, with golf cars and clubs available for rental.



The Memorial Skating Rink is open November through February and offers visitors a wide array of skating options. The Wheeling Amateur Hockey Association has teams for all ages and skill levels. We also offer figure skating lessons and daily recreational skating times.

The large, flat areas on the hilltop provide stunning views of the valley and provide a perfect place to picnic or play team sports.



Both indoor and outdoor tennis facilities are available at Wheeling Park. There are six Har-Tru courts available in the Wheeling Park Hilltop Activities area. The Bubble provides an opportunity for enthusiasts to continue playing year-round. Tennis lessons are available by appointment.

Outdoor Reservations
304-242-6443

Indoor Reservations
304-243-4181