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## Plano Parks Ranked Best in Texas

Plano Parks and Recreation retained its title as the highest-ranking parks system in Texas, according to a recent [Trust for Public Land](#) (TPL) report. The department was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> out of 100 of the U.S.'s largest cities for park access and quality in the TPL's 2019 [Parkscore Index](#). Cities are awarded points based on the TPL's analysis of four important characteristics of an effective park system: acreage, investment, amenities, and access.

Approximately 75% of Plano residents live within a 10 minute walk of a park. The department continues to expand and enhance its services with new parks, playground renovations, trail connections and educational programming.

### Three new parks include:

- [Windhaven Meadows Park](#): This 123-acre park will include a splash pad, all-abilities playground, dog park, passive open space and trails.
- [Dog Park at Bob Woodruff Park](#): A new dog park is expected to open later this year.
- [Glasscock Park](#): A future 7.11 acre park site named after former City Manager, Bruce Glasscock.

"Plano's parks provide residents with a sense of place, instilling in them a unique sense of pride for the community in which they live," said Robin Reeves, Plano Parks and Recreation director. "Our department plays a tremendous role in maintaining the quality of life that makes people of all ages and abilities want to live, work and play here, and we take that role very seriously. It's humbling to know our amenities touch the lives of so many in so many ways."

Plano Parks and Recreation is a four-time National Gold Medal award winner and has been a nationally accredited agency since 1994. Today, it is one of only 15 parks and recreation agencies in the State of Texas and 168 in the nation to hold this accreditation.

Plano's park system features include:

- 85 park sites
- 80 miles of paved walking and bike trails
- 164 miles of street bike routes
- Two nature preserves that total over 1,000 acres
- World-class athletic facilities
- Tree City USA recognition since 1989
- 75 percent of Plano residents live within a 10-minute walk to a park

For information on Plano Parks and Recreation's ongoing projects, visit its [Parks Projects and Plans](#) page.

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## About Plano

Plano, Texas, is the largest city in Collin County with a population of 273,900 as of January 2016. Incorporated in 1873, the city is located 20 miles north of Dallas. Plano was recently named the third Best Run City in America by 24/7 Wall Street. The City offers a high quality of life that includes: nationally-recognized schools, award-winning parks and sustainability initiatives, designation as one of America's safest cities by Forbes magazine, and a wide variety of multi-cultural neighborhoods appealing to families, young singles and retirees. Plano is home and future home to the headquarters or regional operations of major international corporations such as Toyota, Liberty Mutual, JPMorgan Chase, Fannie Mae, FedEx Office, JC Penney, Dr. Pepper/Snapple Group, Rent-A-Center, Cinemark Holdings, Denbury Resources and Alliance Data Systems. The dynamic community features excellent restaurants, vibrant shopping and entertainment venues, a lively historic downtown district and active local arts scene. Easy access to DART light rail and major highways makes Plano a convenient place to live, work and visit. To learn more about Plano, go to our website at [plano.gov](http://plano.gov).