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This July, celebrate 'Where You Belong' with Oakland County Parks *Month-long celebration highlights the impact of parks and recreation*

OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – July 12, 2024 – This July, join Oakland County Parks (OCP) as it celebrates how Oakland County is stronger, more vibrant and more resilient because of parks and recreation.

OCP invites residents to mark Park and Recreation Month by sharing their experiences, memories and stories about what parks and recreation mean to them. Residents can share how parks have fostered belonging, as well as why their local park and recreation professionals are important to them, on social media using #OaklandCountyParks and #WhereYouBelong.

“Oakland County is blessed with thousands of acres of beautiful public recreational lands and waters,” Parks Director Chris Ward said. “Parks and Recreation Month provides a great opportunity to celebrate our favorite places to recreate and recognize the professionals that ensure they are accessible, well-maintained and welcoming for our enjoyment.”

“Our parks and recreation professionals work hard to create a welcoming and inclusive community for everyone,” Chair of Oakland County Parks Commission Ebony Bagley said. “With over 66,000 acres of state, regional, county and local parkland, Oakland County is filled with beautiful spots, rich natural resources and fun recreational activities. Our parks offer something for everyone, catering to all ages and abilities, in safe, accessible spaces that everyone can enjoy. Make sure you visit one of our parks this summer, take in the natural beauty and share your experiences with us on social media!”

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) created Park and Recreation Month to raise awareness of the essential services that parks and recreation professionals provide to communities across the United States. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month. The parks commission approved a resolution designating July as Park and Recreation Month on July 10.

Park and Recreation Month celebrates how Oakland County Parks fosters a sense of belonging in Oakland County by providing welcoming and inclusive programs, essential services for all ages and abilities, and safe, accessible spaces to build meaningful connection. Let's come together this year to celebrate and demonstrate that parks and recreation is truly where you belong!

For more information about Park and Recreation Month, go to www.nrpa.org/July.

For more information about Oakland County Parks, visit OaklandCountyParks.com. Join the conversation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#).