Special Needs
Listing of County and City Parks and Recreation

America the Beautiful – National Parks
And Federal Recreation Lands Pass
www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm

Services for the disabled:
Lifetime pass to Federal recreation sites for residents with permanent disabilities
Free with documentation
Must be picked up in person at the park

Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services
Therapeutics
Attn: Leslie Trier, M. Ed, CTRS
293 Gran Ellen Drive
Athens, Georgia 30606
706-613-3580; 706-613-3625
Leslie.trier@athensclarkecounty.com
www.accleasureservices.com

Disabilities Served: Developmental disabilities
Focus: Recreation and functional academics/daily living skills
Ages: School age up, depends on program
Other: Special Olympics and BlazeSports;
Support inclusion in general programs
Project S.T.A.R.T. for kids enrolled in elementary school

Atlanta/Fulton County Public Library System and Zoo Atlanta Family Pass Partnership
Adults with valid Atlanta/Fulton County Public Library card may check out a pass that is good for two adults and four kids age 18 years and under

City of Alpharetta
Camp Happy Hearts
175 Roswell Street
Alpharetta, Georgia 30009
678-297-6154
accprograms@alpharetta.ga.us
www.alpharetta.ga.us type in “Camp Happy Hearts” in the search box

Disabilities Served: Developmental
Focus: Recreation
Ages: 6-12 years
Other: Day, coed, interview required

City of Atlanta
Camp Best Friends
Diallo Robertson or Gordon McGruder, Therapeutic Recreation
675 Ponce de Leon Avenue #830
Atlanta, Georgia 30308
404-546-6934
dkrobertson@atlantaga.gov Diallo Robertson
grmcgruder@atlantaga.gov Gordon McGruder
www.atlantaga.gov/government/parks/burrec_therapeutics.aspx

Disabilities Served: Mild to moderate developmental and physical disabilities
Focus: Recreation and social skills
Ages: 6 – 11 years
Other: Day, coed, inclusive
The camp takes place at
Lang Carson Recreation Center
404-215-2856
City of Roswell
Mary Rummell, Therapeutic Recreation
830 Grimes Bridge Road (Facility Location)
Roswell, Georgia 30075-4617
38 Hill Street Suite 100 (Mailing address)
Roswell, Georgia 30075
mrummell@roswellgov.com
www.roswellgov.com
Focus: Social events, art, tennis, and fitness for young adults
Ages: Young adults 18 years and up
Other: Grimes Bridge Park is a wheelchair accessible park

Clayton County Parks and Recreation
Torieon Moses, Therapeutics Division
2300 Highway 138 SE
Jonesboro, Georgia 30236
770-473-3952 - Torieon Moses
Focus: Recreation, leisure skills, Special Olympics, social skills
Ages: 6 – 21 years

Cobb County Parks, Recreation And Cultural Affairs Department
Therapeutic Recreation Services
Clintina Mitchell, Therapeutic Recreation
770-819-3223
Clintina.Mitchell@cobbcounty.org
Kimberly Batteste, Special Olympics
770-819-3261
Kimberly.Battesste@cobbcounty.org
555 Nickajack Road
Mableton, Georgia 30126
770-819-3215
www.prca.cobbcountyga.gov/SummerCamps.htm

DeKalb County Parks and Recreation
Camp Superstars, An Inclusive camp
Melanie Watson – 404-679-5920
Alice Bradford – 678-937-8924
Contact your neighborhood recreation center for activities near you
www.co.dekalb.ga.us

Disabilities Served:
City of Roswell: Developmental and physical disabilities
Clayton County Parks and Recreation: Developmental delays, orthopedic disabilities
Cobb County Parks, Recreation: Developmental and physical disabilities
DeKalb County Parks and Recreation: Mild to moderate developmental delays, physical disabilities, autism, emotional behavior disorders

Focus:
City of Roswell: Social events, art, tennis, and fitness for young adults
Clayton County Parks and Recreation: Recreation, leisure skills, Special Olympics, social skills
Cobb County Parks, Recreation: Recreation, social skills, Special Olympics
DeKalb County Parks and Recreation: Recreation and social skills

Ages:
City of Roswell: Young adults 18 years and up
Clayton County Parks and Recreation: 6 – 21 years
Cobb County Parks, Recreation: 7 – 21 years (camp), and adults
DeKalb County Parks and Recreation: 5 – 15 years for camp, all ages for recreation
### Douglas County Parks and Recreation

**Disabilities Served:** Physical, emotional, and developmental disabilities  
**Focus:** Recreation, leisure experiences, Special Olympics, and Paralympics  
**Ages:** 6 years up, depending on activity  
**Other:** Day and evening programming, Camp DOUG Summer Day Camp, coed, county has an accessible playground at Clinton Farm Nature Preserve on Ephesus Church Road (off Post Road)  
**Challenger Baseball League**  
Coach Philip Troglin  
**Special Olympics**  
Frank Moran,  

cmills@co.douglascounty.com  
www.celebratedouglascounty.com  
Click on “Departments”  
Scroll down to “Administrative Pa-Pi”  
Click on “Parks and Recreation”  

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### Fulton County

Provides facilities for programs sponsored and staffed by special needs organizations  

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### Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation

**Disabilities Served:** cognitive, physical, emotional disabilities  
**Focus:** Sports, adaptive aquatics, arts and crafts, social programs, more  
**Includes:** Gwinnett Masters Special Olympics, Grayson Athletic Association, Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association (PRYAA)  
**Special Olympics serves** Buford, Sugar Hill, Suwanee, Lilburn, Lawrenceville, Grayson, Norcross, Duluth  

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### Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Center

**Disabilities Served:** All  
**Focus:** Accessible ball field and playground for children with special needs, wheelchair accessible sandboxes, slides, swings, rubberized ball field and wheelchair and walker accessible dugouts  

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### Fulton County

141 Pryor Street  
Atlanta, Georgia 30305  
404-730-4000  
www.co.fulton.ga.us

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### Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation

**Therapeutic Recreation**  
Attn: Beth Sokolowski  
75 Langley Drive  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046  
Beth.sokolowski@gwinnettcounty.com  
770-822-5414  
770-822-5415

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### Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Center

**Unity Place at Bay Creek Park**  
An Accessible Playground and Sports Facility  
175 Ozora Road  
Loganville, Georgia 30052  
770-822-5414  
www.gwinnettparks.com
Henry County Parks and Recreation
Terry Nash, Therapeutic Recreation
99 Lake Dow Road
McDonough, Georgia 30252
770-288-7300
tnash@co.henry.ga.us
www.co.henry.ga.us/ParksRecreation/TherapeuticRecreation.shtml
Disabilities Served: Physical, cognitive, behavioral, visual impairments
Focus: Recreation, socials, organized outings, arts and crafts, exercise, cooking, scrap booking
Ages: 5 years up (varies by activity)
Other: Wheelchair Sports, Special Olympics, Sunshine League Baseball, year-round activities for special needs adults
AAASP wheelchair sports for school system

INSPIRE – Intramural Sports that Promote Inclusion, Respect, and Excellence
At Peachtree Ridge Youth Athletic Association – PRYAA
6555 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 307 PMB 123
Duluth, Georgia 30097
John and Karen Brennan, Co-Directors
770-475-4753 M – F
770-242-8451 – Nights and Weekends
specrpr@aol.com
www.pryaa.com
Disabilities Served: All
Focus: Intramural sports
Ages: All
Other: Rubberized field

Library ParkPass Loan Program
www.getoutdoorsgeorgia.org
www.gastateparks.org/net/content/go.aspx?s=158912.0.0.5
Georgia libraries and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources partner to give library card holders free parking or admission to more than 60 state parks operated by the state. Library card holders check out the ParkPass for a week at a time. (The ParkPass does not cover parks like Stone Mountain or Lake Lanier because they are not run by the state.)

National Railroad Passenger Corporation
Amtrak Disabled Travelers Discount
Office of Amtrak Access – 2W
60 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
1-800-USA-Rail (1-800-872-7245)
1-800-523-6590 TDD/TTY
www.amtrak.com
Go to “Plan”; Click on “Special Needs”
Discount available when booking reservation by telephone or at ticket counter (not online)
Must have written documentation of disabilities
Rockdale County Therapeutic Recreation
Attn: Tom McPike, tom.mcpike@rockdalecounty.org
P. O. Box 224
Conyers, Georgia 30094
770-278-7249 – 770-278-7252
www.rockdalecounty.org
Click on “Recreation and Leisure”
Click on “Recreational Opportunities”
Click on “A.S.P.I.R.E.”
information@aspirecoalition.org
www.aspirecoalition.org

Disabilities Served: All
Focus: Recreation, social, adapted sports, Special Olympics, BlazeSports, Miracle League
Ages: All
Other: Respite care at Our Place