

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Sports and recreational opportunities abound in the Quad Cities. Because the mighty Mississippi River flows majestically through the area, the river and its multifaceted attractions are at the center of recreation in the Quad Cities. The community boasts professional baseball and basketball teams. A new 11,000-seat civic center arena provides an array of additional recreational opportunities. No matter what your favorite leisure time interest, you're sure to find it in the Quad Cities.

Quad Cities Recreational Facilities	
Number of Parks	143 (7,973 acres)
Zoos	2
Golf Courses	
TPC at Deere Run	1
Public	21
Private	9
YMCA-YWCA	7
Health Clubs	16
Indoor Ice/Soccer Rink	3
Outdoor Soccer Complex	4
Sports Center	1

Additional Recreational Offerings

- Archery Ranges
- Baseball Diamonds
- Tennis Courts
- Water Parks
- Two Rivers for Boating & Fishing
- Green Valley Softball Complex
- Auto Race Tracks
- Roller Skating Rinks
- Rugby
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Ski Area
- Casino Riverboats
- Riverboat Cruises
- Horseback Riding Stables
- Water Ski Shows
- Cross Country Skiing
- Path for Biking, Jogging, Walking

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ZOOS

- Fejervary Park Zoo, Davenport, features plants and animals native to the upper Mississippi Valley region.
- Niabi Zoological Park, Coal Valley, take a train ride through the park to see more than 400 animals representing over 150 species.

PARKS

- Black Hawk State Historic Site, Rock Island, 205 acres of rolling woodlands, 4 miles of hiking trails, including 100 acres of preserved nature.
- Vander Veer Park, Davenport, for the garden lover, this park features attractive rose beds and a conservatory of tropical plants open year round. Unique gift shop.
- West Lake Beach, Davenport, 620 acres of modern and primitive camping, fishing lakes and swimming area.
- Loud Thunder Forest Preserve, Andalusia, 1,600 acres of modern and primitive camping; great fishing.
- Scott County Park, east of Long Grove, nature trails, camping areas, pool, baseball fields, fishing, and Glynn' s Creek 18-hole golf course.
- Ben Butterworth Memorial Parkway located along river drive in Moline features a scenic view of the Mississippi along a paved bike trail. It is just one section of the great RiverWay trails in the Quad Cities.

SPORTS

- Quad City Golf Courses include 21 public and 9 private courses that offer opportunities for every level player at attractive prices among the lowest in the country. **John Deere Classic is a major tournament on the PGA tour, held at The TPC at Deere Run.**
- **Quad City Steamwheelers, an arena football team.**
- Quad City Flames, a member of the American Hockey League.

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- ***The Swing of the Quad Cities*, Class A baseball affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. The classic John O'Donnell Stadium, the Swing's home, has recently been refurbished with 14 million dollars of improvements.**
- Quad Cities Times Bix 7 attracts over 19,000 runners and walkers of all ages, including the best of the world class runners. For the past 10 years, the Bix has been rated as one of the premier races in the United States.
- **Quad Cities Criterium bicycle races, downtown Rock Island, considered one of the top European-style street races in the U.S., draws world-class professional racers.**
- Quad City Downs, East Moline, off-track betting on thoroughbred and harness racing.
- **Quad City Sports Center, open year round, is available to the general public, schools, local organizations and organized athletic leagues. The 20,000 sq. ft. ice arena offers public skating sessions, skating lessons, youth and adult hockey, figure skating club, speed skating, private party rentals, etc. A 19,000-sq. ft. soccer arena can be converted during the off season to accommodate basketball, volleyball, inline skating, baseball, golf and non-traditional venues. The Center features a well-stocked pro-shop, concession stand and vending machines.**

RIVER BOATS

- Casino Rock Island in the District of Rock Island offers 40,000 square feet of entertainment space. Jumer's Casino Rock Island features three decks of Las Vegas style casino action on the Mississippi River. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free soft drinks and \$1 mixed drinks. Effie Afton restaurant serves lunch and dinner. Taking bets from \$2 to \$2,000. No loss limit. Dockside gambling. Open 7 a.m. daily; closes 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.
- **Rhythm City Casino and Hotel, Davenport, Las Vegas style casino space, onboard dining and children's arcade. The Guest Services Center includes dining. No limit, dockside gambling. Open 24 hours.**

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- Isle of Capri Casino and Hotel, Bettendorf, is a 2,500 passenger gambling vessel containing over 1,100 slot machines, 40 table games, a 256 room hotel, the Roger Craig Sports Bar, and a six station celebrations buffet. Dockside gambling. No loss limit. Open 24 hours.
- **Celebration Belle, Moline, offers dinner, lunch, Sunday champagne brunch, moonlight cruises, sightseeing and all day cruises. Good food and a variety of entertainment.**