



Park Access Information Sheet

Park Access is a measure of how well different areas of the city are currently served by Raleigh's system of parks and greenway trails. Each census block in the city is assigned a Park Access grade based on four factors:



1. Distance to Nearest Park: How far residents need to travel to reach the nearest public park;



2. Distance to Nearest Greenway Trail: How far residents need to travel to reach the nearest greenway trail;



3. Acres of Open Space: How many acres of park land are accessible nearby;



4. Park Experiences: The number and variety of park experiences available nearby.

Communities with an "A" letter grade have very good park access relative to other areas of the city. These neighborhoods are likely located within a 10-minute walk of a park, have access to many acres of open space, and can enjoy a wide variety of park experiences within a short distance of home.

Communities with a "D" or "F" letter grade have poor access to parks relative to other areas of the city. Residents in these areas may have to travel several miles to reach the nearest public park, and may only have access to a limited variety of park experiences.

Prioritizing investments in communities with low Park Access scores helps to promote Raleigh's goal of providing every citizen with safe, convenient access to a park or greenway trail.

