

Henslee Park Splash Pad opens March 30

The City of Dickson Parks and Recreation Department will open the Henslee Park Splash Pad for its fourth season on Monday, March 30, weather permitting.

The 4,000-square-foot Splash Pad has 20 water features and is located next to the 25,000-square-foot Playground with 26 features in Henslee Park at 800 Highway 70 West on the site of the former Dickson Country Club. The city purchased the 126-acre site in 2018 and is developing it into one of the premier recreational facilities in the region.

The planned opening date corresponds with Dickson County schools' Spring Break March 30-April 3.

The Splash Pad and Playground opened in June 2023. Henslee Park also features more than four miles of walking/running/biking trails, fishing ponds, a fenced Dog Park, an 18-hole Disc Golf Course and a Storybook Trail as well as extensive greenspace for picnicking and playing.

The Henslee Park Splash Pad will be open:

- Mondays 8:00 am-8:00 pm;
- Tuesdays 8:00 am-8:00 pm;
- Wednesdays 4:00 pm-8:00 pm;
- Thursdays 8:00 am-8:00 pm;
- Fridays 8:00 am-8:00 pm;
- Saturdays 8:00 am-8:00 pm; and
- Sundays 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

The Henslee Park Playground is open:

- Mondays sunrise to 10:00 pm;
- Tuesdays sunrise to 10:00 pm;
- Wednesdays 4:00 pm-10:00 pm;
- Thursdays sunrise-10:00 pm;
- Fridays sunrise-10:00 pm;
- Saturdays sunrise-10:00 pm; and
- Sundays sunrise-10:00 pm.

The Splash Pad and Playground are closed for maintenance and cleaning on Wednesdays until 4:00 pm.

The tentative closing date for the Splash Pad's 2026 season is Oct. 19, following the Dickson County schools' Fall Break Oct. 5-16.

Henslee Park, with its walking, running and biking trails, Dog Park, 18-hole Disc Golf Course, fishing ponds and Storybook Trail, is open sunrise to 10:00 pm seven days a week and most holidays. It will be the site of the Parks and Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am Saturday, March 28.

The picnic tables under the pavilion and the shaded benches around the park are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No part of the park can be reserved or rented. Chairs and tables are not allowed on the Splash Pad/Playground area or on the artificial turf as they can damage the surfaces. Chairs, tables, towels, blankets and pop-up canopies can be set up in the grassy areas surrounding the Splash Pad and Playground.

As part of keeping the Splash Pad and Playground clean, food is not allowed within any of the play areas and those enjoying the park are asked to dispose of their trash before leaving.

Adults are asked not to leave children unsupervised. There is no climbing allowed on the Splash Pad features and all Playground structures are to be used properly in order to prevent injuries. Children should not be allowed to climb up the slides from the exit points, stand on the swings or use any of the structures in any way that could harm themselves or others. Parents should caution children about walking in the areas around the swings and zipline features to avoid being struck.

No pets are allowed in the Splash Pad and Playground areas but are allowed on leash in the greenspace and trails. The adjacent Dog Park is the only area in Henslee Park where dogs may be off leash.

Skateboards, scooters, roller skates, inline skates and other wheeled devices are not allowed in the Splash Pad or Playground area and pavilion, steps or railings. Parents are cautioned that water will make the Splash Pad surface and bathroom floors slippery and visitors should wear appropriate footwear and avoid running.

As the temperature climbs toward summer, visitors should be aware that sunlight can cause some of the play surfaces and structures to be hot.

In addition to the parking area above the Splash Pad, there is another parking lot west of the play area along the entrance drive and additional parking at the Dog Park. Vehicles are not allowed in any of the grass areas.

The City of Dickson continues to plan for the construction of an aquatic facility to include an indoor swimming pool at Henslee Park and has signed an operational agreement with the Dickson County Family YMCA. The project is currently in the design phase with Southern Architecture Workshop and Solomon Builders hired as the contractor.

For more information on Dickson Parks and Recreation Department facilities and programs, call (615) 446-1721, visit the Parks and Recreation Department page on the city's website (cityofdickson.com) or the Dickson Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page.