



Accessible Summer Programs

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The City of Cornwall offers programs for children of all ages, including children with disabilities. The City uses a buddy system to pair children, who need support due to a disability, with volunteers. This enables the children to participate in leisure arts programs or attend summer park playground activities in their neighbourhood park or at one of two designated City parks, which have wheelchair accessible washrooms.

Aquatic buddies are also used to support children with disabilities in indoor or outdoor registered swim lessons. There are no wheelchair accessible outdoor municipal pools available in any of the City parks, however, the new Aquatic Centre, located next to the Civic Complex on Water Street, is fully accessible. It comes equipped with wheelchair accessible lockers, showers, and change cubicles, aquatic wheelchairs and a wheelchair ramp into the main pool, leisure pool and into the whirlpool. It also features an accessible toddler leisure pool.

The two designated parks, which have wheelchair accessible washrooms, are: Riverdale Park located in the west end of the City and Mattice Park located in the southeast end of the City. Accessible playground equipment is available at Riverdale Park, Mattice Park, Reg Campbell Park and Lamoureux Park. The City has installed a wheelchair accessible washroom in Lamoureux Park and has added a splash pad to its playground equipment.

The Parks Program is for children age 5 to 12 years old. It operates on a drop-in basis, Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Monday to Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Leisure Arts Program and the swim lessons are available by registration only. The Leisure Arts Program takes place twice a week at the Cornwall Public Library, and is for children age 4 to 13 years old. Swim lessons start at the age of 3 years old.

For more information on these programs, availability and start dates, visit the City's Recreation Program on the web site at www.cornwall.ca. To make arrangements for a volunteer for Arts or Park Programs, please contact: Lorne Taillon, Arts and Leisure Coordinator, or Lori Gibeau, Aquatic Coordinator, for swim lessons. They can be reached at the Cornwall Aquatic Centre, 100 Water Street, Cornwall, 613-933-3586.

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