

I'm Going to A.D. (Doug) Barnes Park!

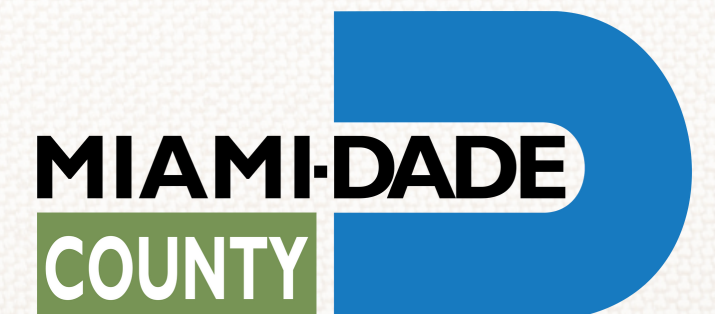
A Social Narrative about Visiting my Neighborhood Park

Note to Park Guest

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PARKS, RECREATION
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The mission of the *Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (M-D PROS)* is Connecting People and Parks for Life. I can use this social narrative as a guide to assist my visit to A.D. (Doug) Barnes Park. By reading this story, I can become familiar with the park amenities and have enjoyable recreational, natural, and cultural experiences. The park is open from sunrise to sunset and provides a variety of outdoor spaces for me to explore. It is a good idea to check the weather in advance and pack a bag with the necessary supplies: *sunscreen, bug spray, change of clothes, snacks, and a refillable water bottle.*

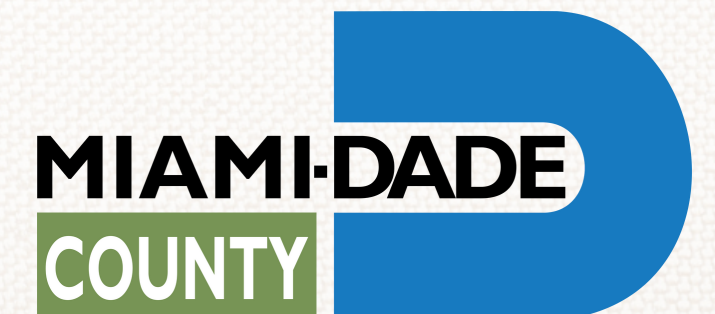
**Welcome to A.D. (Doug) Barnes Park.
We hope to see you soon!**



This is My Neighborhood Park!



An Adventure Story about
Visiting A.D. (Doug) Barnes
Park

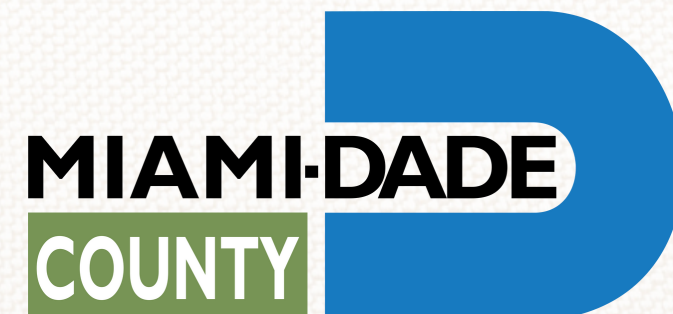


Getting to the Park

I can walk, ride a bike, ride in a car, take specialized transportation services (STS), or take a bus to get to the park.












For more information, I can visit:

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/transportation/home.page>



These are the Amenities at my Park

These are some of the amenities, services, courts, sports, and activities that are provided by my park:

Basketball Courts 	Nature Center 	Pool 	Trails 
Campground 	Picnic Shelter 	Restrooms 	Water Fountains 
Fitness Zone 	Playground 	Splash Playground 	

This is the Basketball Court at my Park

This is where I can play basketball. The court has a rectangular shape with baskets at each end. I can bring a basketball and choose to *play* by myself, *practice* drills, or *play* with others. The basketball court can be used by many players at the same time and can be **loud**.



This is the Campground at my Park

This is the Leisure Access Camp Ground. The Campground is around many native plants, trees, and pinelands. There are two cabins available for weekend and overnight stays. There is also a kitchen and a dining area. The cabins have central air conditioning, heating, and ceiling fans. For more information, I can contact the Leisure Access Center office at 305-665-5319.



This is the Fitness Zone at my Park

The fitness zone is where people go to exercise in the park. The machines have different uses, and all use my own body weight. To use the fitness zone I *should* be careful when performing these exercises, **wait** for my turn, and **read** the descriptions first.



This is the Nature Center at my Park

When I walk into the nature center, I can see trails connecting the park. I can ask staff questions about the environment and the landscape. The Nature Center offers guided tours, educational programs, a campfire ring, and nature-based camps. If I'm *interested* in any of these activities, I can contact the Nature Center at (305) 662-4124.



This is the Picnic Shelter at my Park

This is where I can go for special events, celebrations, and gatherings. I can *bring* food, drinks, and games. Celebrations can be **loud** and might be attended by many people.

If I want to use one of the shelters, I can make a reservation using Miami-Dade County Park Link.
<https://www.miamidadeparks.com/>



This is the Playground at my Park

The playground is colorful. I can *climb, swing, and slide* down. I can play by myself and with other children. To be **safe**, I *should wait* for my turn and drink water to stay hydrated.



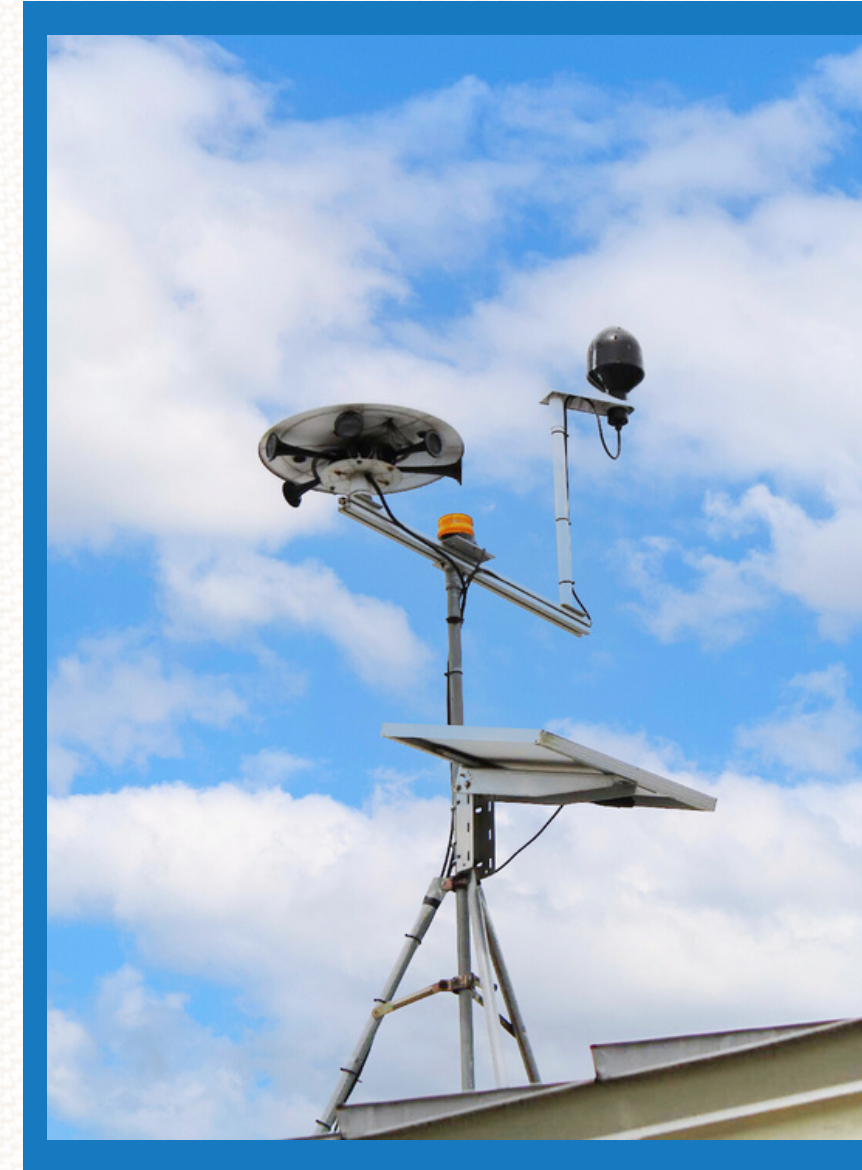
This is the Pool at my Park

This is where people come to stay cool and play. I can swim and practice skills or just have fun. The water temperature is *comfortable* all year-round. The pool rules are posted by the deck. The lifeguard keeps all pool visitors **safe** and I should **listen** to them. To enter the pool, I can use the *steps* or *ramp*. The pool lift is available for people with physical limitations. I can also take swimming lessons. To learn about swimming lessons, I can call (305)-665-1626.



This is the Thor Guard System at my Park

This is the lightning detection system at my park. It may make **loud** sounds, horns, and flashlights when there is a storm nearby. If I hear a 15-second horn with a **flashing** light on top of a building, I **must** go indoors or seek shelter. When I hear 3 five-second horn blasts, I can go outside and continue playing. If I need *help* I can always ask a staff member.





LIGHTNING WARNING

LIGHTNING IS A SEVERE HAZARD THAT MUST BE VIEWED SERIOUSLY. EVERYONE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK SHELTER ANY TIME THEY BELIEVE LIGHTNING THREATENS THEM, EVEN IF A SIGNAL HAS **NOT** BEEN SOUNDED.

YOU WILL BE WARNED BY OUR **THOR GUARD LIGHTNING PREDICTION SYSTEM**, WHICH SOUNDS **ONE** 15 SECOND BLAST OF THE HORN SIGNALING SUSPENSION OF ALL ACTIVITIES (IF EQUIPPED, A STROBE LIGHT WILL BEGIN FLASHING AND REMAIN FLASHING UNTIL SAFE CONDITIONS RETURN). YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK AN APPROPRIATE, SAFE SHELTER.

YOU MAY RESUME ACTIVITIES ONLY AFTER **THREE** 5 SECOND BLASTS OF THE HORN ARE SOUNDED AND THE STROBE LIGHT, IF EQUIPPED, STOPS FLASHING.

IF YOU REMAIN OUTDOORS AFTER THE WARNING IS ISSUED, YOU DO SO AT YOUR OWN RISK!!!

LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS



SEEK

- Large Buildings
- Lightning Shelters
- Automobiles/Trucks
- Tunnels With No Standing Water

AVOID

- Open Areas
- Water
- Tall Trees
- Metal Fences
- Overhead Wires and Power Lines
- High Ground Areas
- Telephones & Cellular Phones
- Radios
- Small, Unprotected Shelters

When one of the above is not available Seek...

- Dense Woods
- Low Lying Areas

This is the Restroom at my Park

There are restrooms located throughout the park. The toilet may be **loud** when I flush. After I wash my hands, I can dry my hands using a hand dryer. The hand dryer can be **loud**.



This is the Splash Playground at my Park

The Splash Playground is a water play area at my park. The splash pad can *spray, shower, mist, and stream* water. The water in the splash playground can be cold. My clothes will get **wet** in the splash pad and the floor can be **slippery**. I should **read** and **follow** the *rules* for the splash playground. It can get **loud** at times when there are others at play.



These are the Trails at my Park

The walking trails at my park are beautiful and relaxing. I can see native plants and wild animals. Walking is a great way to stay *active* and *connect* with my environment. To stay **safe**, I should *drink* water along the way and *watch* my step. There are safety and information signs along the trails for me to **read**.



This is the Water Fountain at my Park

There are water fountains located throughout the park. This is where I can refill my water bottle or drink water if I am thirsty. I should remember to stay hydrated.



Goodbye!
My visit is over.
I enjoyed myself and all
the amenities at the park.

I'll be back soon!

We hope you enjoyed
"I'm Going to A.D. (Doug) Barnes Park"
By your *Parks, Recreation and
Open Spaces* Professional!

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information.

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interpreters, CART and/or any accommodation to participate in any
Miami-Dade, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces sponsored
program or meeting, contact Gisel Prado, 305-755-7848 or
Gisel.Prado@miamidade.gov, at least 7 days in advance to initiate
your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).