

I'm Going to Amelia Earhart Park!

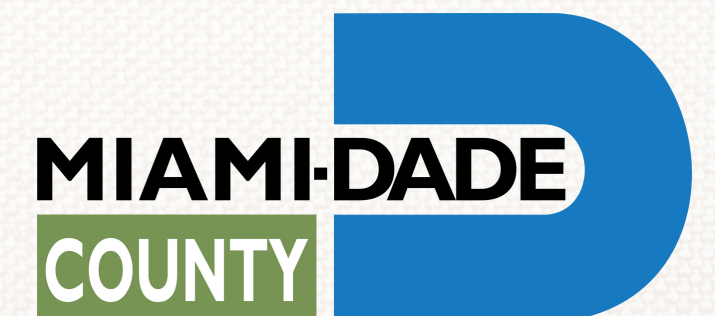
A Social Narrative about Visiting my Neighborhood Park

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 Amelia Earhart 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.*

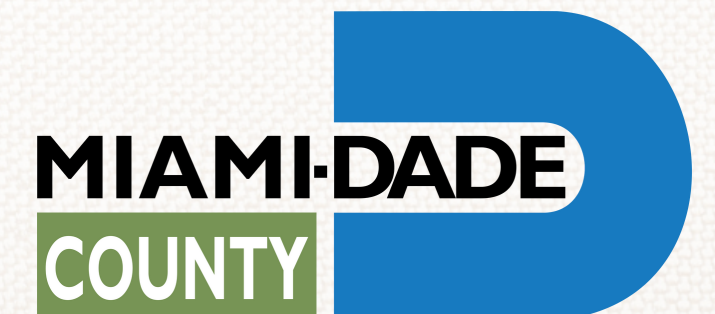
**Welcome to Amelia Earhart Park.
We hope to see you soon!**



This is My Neighborhood Park!



An Adventure Story about
Visiting Amelia Earhart
Park

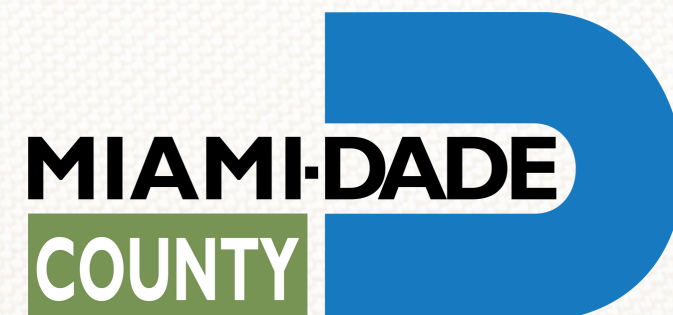


Getting to the Park

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:

Bark Park 	Farm Village 	Lakes 	Soccer Field 
Bike Trails 	Fishing Pier 	Picnic Shelter 	Volleyball Court 
Disc Golf 	Fitness Zone 	Playground 	Restroom and Water Fountains 

This is the Bark Park at my Park

The bark park is where people bring their dogs to play and walk around. I can see the different dog breeds run. Some dogs even go over obstacles! If I want to *pet* a dog, I *should* first *ask* the owner if it's okay. The bark park can be **loud** at times.



These are the Bike Trails at my Park

The bike trail is where I can bike along a trail to relax or challenge myself. I can bring my own bike or *rent* a mountain bike/surrey bike on the weekends. When riding, I can read the signs on the path to make sure I know what trail I am on and how close I am to finishing. I *should read* and **follow** the rules and wear a *helmet* when riding.



This is the Disc Golf course at my Park

The disc golf course is where I can play disc golf at the park. There are different disc golf baskets around the course. To play the sport, I can just bring my own *Frisbee* and be prepared to walk from one basket to the next. If others are playing, I *should* wait for my turn and be careful when throwing.



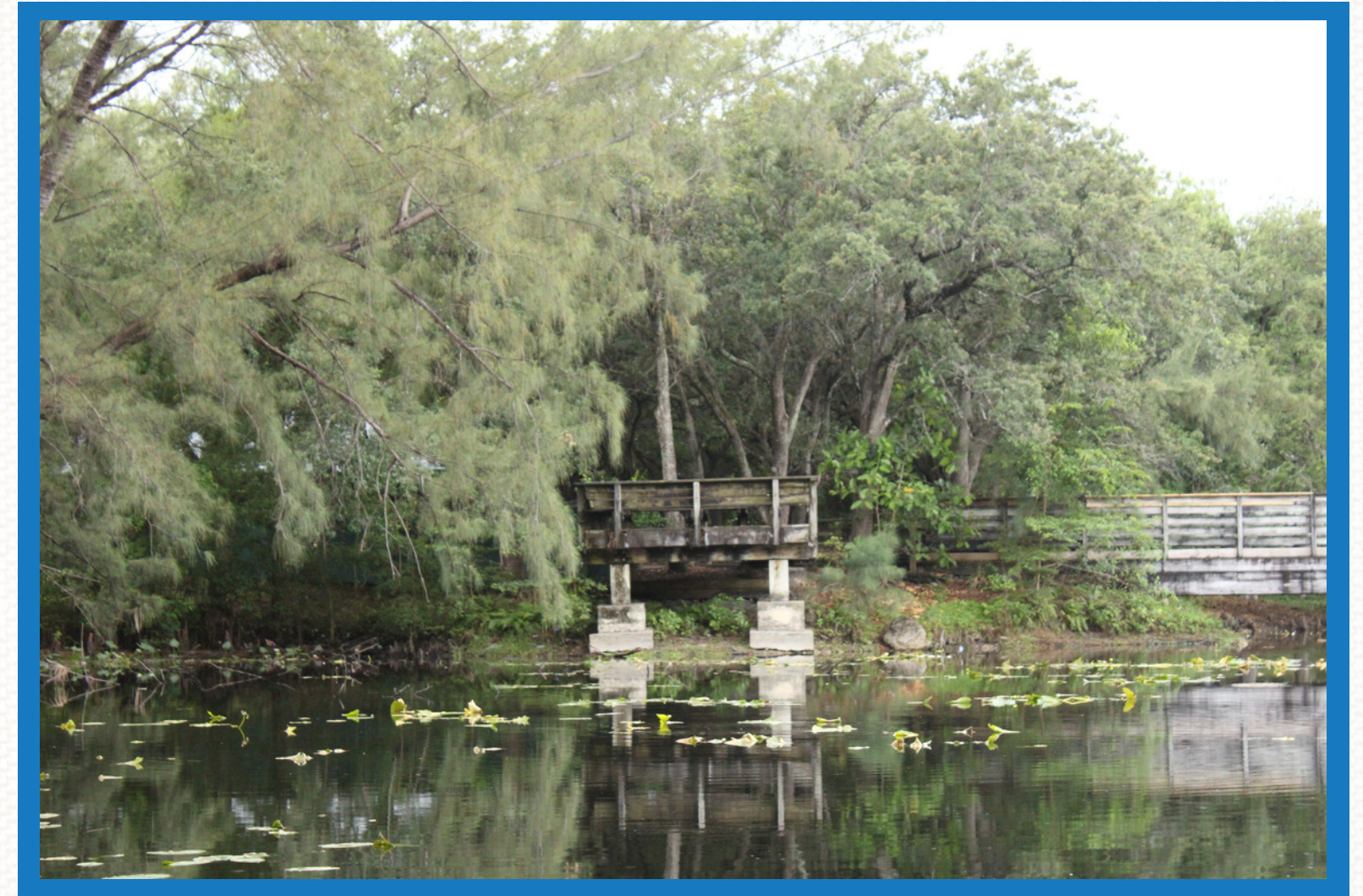
This is the Farm Village at my Park

At the Bill Graham Farm Village I can take a past look at Florida agriculture, pet animals, see insects, and native plants. I can see and *feed* all types of farm animals here. This is where a lot of children will come to play with the animals. The farm can get **loud** when *crowded*.



This is the Fishing Pier at my Park

I can fish at this pier if I bring my own *rod, bait, and tackle*. I should be mindful of others' fishing and *relax* when I cast my line. This can be a *quiet* and very relaxing activity. Here I can also see the wildlife that swims and flies around the lakes.



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 Lake at my Park

Here is where the water sports activities take place. I should make sure I read the signs posted around the water to be safe. If I want to play any of the water sports or have a question I should go to the rental complex. I should make sure I'm dressed to get wet if I'm going to participate. The lake's water can be **cold**. For more information, I can visit <https://www.miamidade.gov/parks/amelia-earhart.asp>



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 Tom Sawyer's Playground is nature-based and has a cave. I can *climb, swing, and slide* down. I can play by myself and with other children. To be *safe*, I may need to wait for my turn and drink water to stay hydrated.



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 Soccer Field at my Park

The soccer field is large and rectangular, with grass and white lines. There is a soccer goal on each side of the pitch. I can bring a *soccer ball* to practice *passing, dribbling, and shooting* with a partner or by myself. I can *watch* others play from the stands and *cheer* for a team. Soccer games can be **loud** and the lights can be **bright**.



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

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

- Dense Woods
- Low Lying Areas

AVOID

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

This is the Volleyball Court at my Park

This is where I can play beach-style volleyball. The court is rectangular with a net that divides the court into equal halves and the surface is made out of sand. If I want to play, I should bring a volleyball. I should be careful with the sand as it can get **hot** under the sun. This is a *fun* and *exciting* game that can get *competitive*. If others are playing I *should ask* if I can join them!



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 Amelia Earhart Park”
By your *Parks, Recreation and
Open Spaces* Professional!

Remember to visit <https://www.miamidadeparks.com/> for more information.

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