



Hummel Park Amenities

Plainfield, Indiana

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Introduction

At just over 200 acres, Hummel Park is the largest township park in the State of Indiana. Centrally located only 1.5 miles from the I-70/SR 267 interchange, it is the perfect spot for families and friends to gather.

Hummel Park was founded in 1984 on land donated to Guilford Township by the State. The park was named after Jim Hummel, a former Township Trustee and one of the many people responsible for the drive to establish a township park. Hummel Park is owned and operated by Guilford Township and is not directly affiliated with the Town of Plainfield Parks Department. Hummel Park has often been described as “two parks in one” and offers both a place for activities and a place for relaxation. This is due to the park being divided by White Lick Creek. A focal point of the park is a 300 foot wooden bridge that connects the two sections. On the east side of the bridge are sporting venues and playground areas. On the west side of the bridge are nature trails, wooded areas with mature trees and the new Performing Arts Center, which hosts local and national performers. Also on the west side are five smaller ponds and one large nine acre lake. These water areas have picnic tables, benches, and public fishing.

Pathways

Hummel Park has just over 3 miles of paved path for walking, jogging, rollerblading, and biking. On the East side of the bridge is a 1-1/8 mile two lane loop. This path is called the “Red Maple Path”, and connects with the Plainfield Parks Greenways. On the west side of the bridge are two “wooded” paved paths. The first is a small loop behind and to the north of the Performing Arts Center. This path is called the “White Cottonwood Path.” The second, “Blue Heron Path”, stretches just over a mile from the Performing Arts Center south through the chain of five ponds and along the large nine acre lake.

Shelters

Hummel Park currently has 4 shelter houses and 2 gazebos. These vary in sizes and can accommodate groups from 15-100. Reservations for the shelters and gazebos are required from mid-April through October, with many times reservations needing to be made at least 2-3 months in advance. There is a nominal rental fee to reserve the shelters and gazebos.

Performing Arts Center

In 2000, Guilford Township had a Performing Arts Center built on the west side of the bridge. The PAC is home to the Summer Concert Series, which has hosted Patty Loveless, Clyde Brown, The Jimmy Dorsey Band, the Wright Brothers, Forever – A Tribute to the Beatles and several other local and national performers. The PAC offers lawn seating and can accommodate crowds of up to 1,500. The Performing Arts Center is also available on a limited rental basis.

Guilford Township Community Center

The Guilford Township Community Center is located at Hummel Park. This 10,000 square foot building is home to the Park and Township Administration offices. There is also a 5,000 square foot banquet facility that can be rented and that accommodates groups of 50 - 300. The Community Center has been the site of weddings, receptions, anniversary parties, graduations, birthday parties, church dinners, and corporate functions. Since, the Community Center is not affiliated with a particular caterer, your caterer is welcome.

Athletic Facilities

Hummel Park is “home field” to the Plainfield High School Baseball and Girls Soccer. The park also has three recreational softball fields, two full basketball courts, and two sand volleyball pits.

Community Events

Each year Hummel Park makes the park available for hosting a wide variety of events. The list of annual events includes:

March of Dimes WalkAmerica – this 5k walk takes place in mid April each year.

Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis – in the central Indiana area, the Plainfield Walk is second only to Indianapolis in number of entrants. This walk usually is held in May.

Easter Egg Hunt – sponsored by Carpenter GMAC Real Estate, it’s an old-fashioned Easter Egg with lots of prizes for the kids, held just prior to Easter.

Camp Hummel – organized, planned and run by the YMCA, Camp Hummel is a summer day camp for school-aged kids, and has been a fixture at Hummel Park since 1992. The popular program features a wide variety of activities that keeps kids busy all day long. The camp offers various weekly themes and sports camps.

Fourth of July – the fun starts in the afternoon and families turn out by the thousands to enjoy an old-fashioned town picnic. Food vendors and games for kids open at 4:00pm. The Chamber of Commerce holds their annual “Duck Race” down the White Lick Creek. The “Live Free Stage” begins at 7:00pm. The evening ends with a “bang” as the fireworks spectacular starts at 9:00pm. It’s all sponsored by Guilford Township, the Town of Plainfield, and several town businesses and organizations.

Ride Across Indiana – Hummel Park is the site of a comfort station for the RAIN. This is a one day event in July where over 800 bicyclist ride from Terre Haute to Richmond.

Plainfield Fire Department Safety Awareness Day – October is Fire Safety Awareness month and the PFD and Guilford Township host a day of food, fun and education on fire safety.

Annual Christmas Lights Display – Hummel Park is no Scrooge when it comes to getting into the Christmas spirit, and the annual lights display around the park marks the season.

Contact Information

Additional information and Reservations can be attained by calling the Park Administrator at 317-839-9121. Guilford Township and Hummel Park are located on the web at www.guilfordtownship.com.

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