



**WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
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Join in the March for Parks on Saturday, March 28!

The March for Parks is three times the fun! On Saturday, March 28, 2015, the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board March for Parks event will be held at three locations around Westmoreland County to raise money for parks and trail projects. Once again Marches will be held at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg, Cedar Creek Park in Belle Vernon, and at the Murrysville SportZone along the Turtle Creek Railroad.

Proceeds from all three March for Parks will benefit park and trail projects in Westmoreland County. At Cedar Creek we are master planning a section of the park with plans to include a dog park, boundless playground, upgraded restrooms with flush toilets, accessible walkways and other items, as well as improving the R/C Model Airfield to add an accessible restroom, walkways, parking upgrades, fencing and electrical service. In Export, Murrysville, Monroeville, Penn Township and Trafford we are purchasing over 9 miles of the Turtle Creek Industrial Rail corridor and preparing to convert it to a walking and biking trail. Funds are needed for engineering, construction, bridges and additional land acquisition. At Mammoth Park, a proposed Disc Golf Course designed for all levels and age groups is the main project. Finally, at Twin Lakes Park we are completing the Twin Lakes Park Expansion, with the addition of a deck hockey rink, amphitheater, second restroom, seating plaza, and parking upgrades. Phase I of the Little Crabtree Creek Trail is also set for completion in 2015.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. All Marches will start at 10:00 a.m. and end around noon. Marchers will collect monetary donations prior to the event and turn in their money on site. Dogs can also register at the Twin Lakes and Cedar Creek Marches (no dogs are permitted at Murrysville). Those marchers or dogs who collect \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt or doggie bandana. **Marchers who collect over \$150 or more will receive a gift card – the more you raise, the more the gift card will be worth!**

Walkers and runners may participate as individuals or teams. Any group of three or more people can be a team. Organize your friends and family, school, place of worship, company or community organization. We will honor the top fundraising teams at each March, as well as the top ten teams from all three Marches. Even if you prefer not to march, there will be lots of fun activities like tasty food, raffles, music, awards and more at each site!

The March for Parks is a special event hosted by the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board and is sponsored in-part by Excelsa Health, Patrick and Lynn Gurrentz, UPMC Health Plan, Carpenter Technology Corporation – Latrobe Specialty Metals, Labor United Celebration, Murrysville SportZone, Thrivent Financial, Trib Total Media, and Sunoco Logistics. For more information and to register, please visit our website at www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks or call (724) 830-3950. Join in the March for Parks on Saturday, March 28 and help us shape "active and healthy spaces in Westmoreland County!"

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