

CENTRAL COMMONS PARK

Rules & Etiquette

Central Commons Park is open all year-round featuring amenities available for the public to enjoy.

GENERAL INFORMATION & FEATURES

- ✓ Open to the public
- ✓ Dog-friendly
- ✓ Public washrooms
- ✓ Picnic areas
- ✓ Ice rink during select months
- ✓ Splash pad during select months
- ✓ Fire features
- ✓ Briquette-fuelled BBQs
- ✓ Skateboards, bicycles, scooters welcomed on pathways

PARK HOURS OF OPERATIONS

DAYS: Monday to Sunday

HOURS: 8 am to 10 pm

SEASON: Open all year-round

Supervision is not provided. University District does not accept responsibility for any loss or injuries from use of this facility. The park, ice rink, and splash pad may be closed at any time without notice due to weather, maintenance, equipment repair, or other operational concerns.



PETS

- Central Commons Park is dog-friendly
- Dogs must remain on leash at all times
- Please be respectful and pick up after your dog

ALCOHOL

- Alcohol is not permitted in Central Commons Park

PICNIC AREAS

- Picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Tables, benches and covered areas are available throughout the park





BARBEQUES (BBQs)

- There are three briquette-fuelled BBQs throughout the park for public use
- BBQs are on a first-come, first-served basis and may be used at your own risk
- BBQs are cast iron, charcoal briquette-fuelled units with a lid. Wood is not permitted
- Guests are required to supply their own briquettes, oven mitts and BBQ tools
- Charcoal lighting fluid can be used, but please allow the fluid to settle for a few minutes for explosive vapours to dissipate
- Do not use gasoline to ignite briquettes
- Please clean the BBQs when you are done so others may enjoy them

HOW TO USE BBQs

STEP 1:

Open the BBQ with oven mitt, grasp handle on right-hand side to lift lid into locking position

STEP 2:

Inspect the BBQ for dirt and debris and clean out any coals left from previous user. Dispose of cooled briquettes into the dedicated ash bins located at each site using the provided scoop

STEP 3:

Arrange briquettes into a pyramid shape inside BBQ

STEP 4:

Use charcoal lighting fluid to coat the top of the briquettes

STEP 5:

Light the briquettes

STEP 6:

The briquettes are ready when they turn an ashy grey colour

STEP 7:

Use oven mitt to grasp the handle and disengage the locking mechanism to lower the lid

IMPORTANT BBQ SAFETY TIPS

- Do not spray any igniting fluid onto the hot coals. Doing so may cause a dangerous and explosive situation
- Safely dispose briquettes in the designated areas. Hot briquettes can cause a fire. Ensure hot briquettes are fully extinguished before you dispose of them
- Do not leave BBQ and hot briquettes unsupervised or prop anything against the BBQ
- Never fight a grease fire with water
- If you do burn yourself, run the affected area under cool water for five minutes. If your burn is serious (charring, blistering) seek medical attention right away





WATER FEATURE SPLASH PAD

- Open to all ages
- Animals are not permitted in the water feature, with the exception of service animals

WATER FEATURE SPLASH PAD HOURS OF OPERATION

DAYS: Monday to Sunday

HOURS: 10 am to 10 pm

SEASON: June to early September (weather permitting)

WATER FEATURE SPLASH PAD SAFETY RULES

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER.** This fountain uses recirculated treated water
- This area is unsupervised. No lifeguard on duty. Use at your own risk
- No glass or breakable objects are allowed in splash pad area or in other bare feet areas
- No street shoes may be worn in the splash pad
- University District is not responsible for lost or stolen articles
- It is recommended that children under 13 years of age be supervised
- Running, roughness, horseplay, or other undue disturbances are strictly prohibited
- No food or beverages of any kind are allowed in the splash pad area
- Children who are not toilet trained, or anyone who is or may be incontinent, must wear water resistant swimwear
- The splash pad is for recreation purposes only. Bathing is not permitted
- No skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, or scooters are not allowed in splash pad area





OUTDOOR ICE RINK

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DAYS: Monday to Sunday

HOURS: 8 am to 10 pm

SEASON: December to late March (weather permitting)

The ice rink is cleared multiple times throughout the day for approximately 10 minutes each time. Access to the rink during these times is restricted for your safety.

- The ice rink is available for public use. Please use at your own risk
- There are no rentals available on-site. Be prepared to bring your own equipment
- Permitted equipment:
 - Ice skates (figure skates and hockey skates)
 - Helmets (mandatory)
 - Skating aid
- Prohibited equipment:
 - Hockey sticks, pucks and nets
 - Toboggans
 - Sleds
- Please refrain from reckless behaviour on the ice surface, including excessive speed
- Please do not carry children while skating
- Animals are not permitted on the ice surface
- Please enjoy food or drink away from the ice surface



FIRE FEATURES

As part of the beautification of Central Commons Park, fire features are available for your enjoyment and warmth.

Activate the timed fire features by releasing the emergency stop button and rotate the timer. In the event of an emergency, press the emergency stop button.

Fire features are not intended for any form of cooking or roasting. Please use the provided BBQs for all cooking needs.



PUBLIC WASHROOMS

Accessible public washrooms are available on the east end of the park

PUBLIC WASHROOMS HOURS OF OPERATION

DAYS: Monday to Sunday

HOURS: 11 am to 10 pm

SEASON: Open all year-round



Map of CENTRAL COMMONS PARK

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8 AM TO 10 PM DAILY

