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The PARKLANDS ACT IS BROKEN. FIX IT!

South Australia

Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005

An Act to establish a legislative framework that promotes the special status, attributes and character of the Adelaide Park Lands; to provide for the protection of those park lands and for their management as a world-class asset to be preserved as an urban park for the benefit of present and future generations; to amend the *City of Adelaide Act 1998*, the *Development Act 1993*, the *Highways Act 1926*, the *Local Government Act 1934*, the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *National Wine Centre Restructuring and Leasing Arrangements Act 2002*, the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act 1991*, the *South Australian Motor Sport Act 1984* and the *Waterworks Act 1932*; and for other purposes.

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RE-WRITE THE ACT to PROTECT PARKLANDS

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Thirteen years after the passage of the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#), it's time to admit the obvious. The Act is woefully inadequate as a protection for the Adelaide Park Lands.

[The Act](#) outlines (at section 4) some lofty ideals, as "principles" that are relevant to the Park Lands. However the remainder of the Act effectively renders those principles ineffectual or irrelevant as it places no restrictions on the area of Park Lands that may be leased indefinitely to private interests, or built over by roads or other infrastructure.

At the very least a review of the Act should set up a mechanism to halt the inexorable chipping away of Park Lands.

APPA campaigned on this issue during the March 2018 State election. We urged all political parties to support a Bill to amend the [Park Lands Act](#) so that no further losses could occur unless previously-alienated areas of equal or greater size were returned to Park Lands.

The subject was brought back into focus on Thursday 8 November with a headline article in Adelaide's on-line newspaper, InDaily:

<https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2018/11/08/call-to-review-failing-park-lands-act/>

PARK LANDS SUPPORTERS ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Congratulations to all candidates who were successful in local government elections this month.

Our particular concern, of course, was for the City Council. APPA is pleased that several candidates who campaigned strongly on a platform of Park Lands protection have been elected to serve the City for the next 4 years.

They include:

- Cr Phillip Martin, re-elected in North ward
- Cr Anne Moran, re-elected as an Area Councillor
- returning Area Councillor & former Greens senator, Robert Simms, and
- newly-elected South Ward councillor Dr Helen Donovan.

Our thanks are also extended to other Park Lands supporters (including two of our Committee members, Stephanie Johnston and Valdis Dunis) who campaigned unsuccessfully for election.

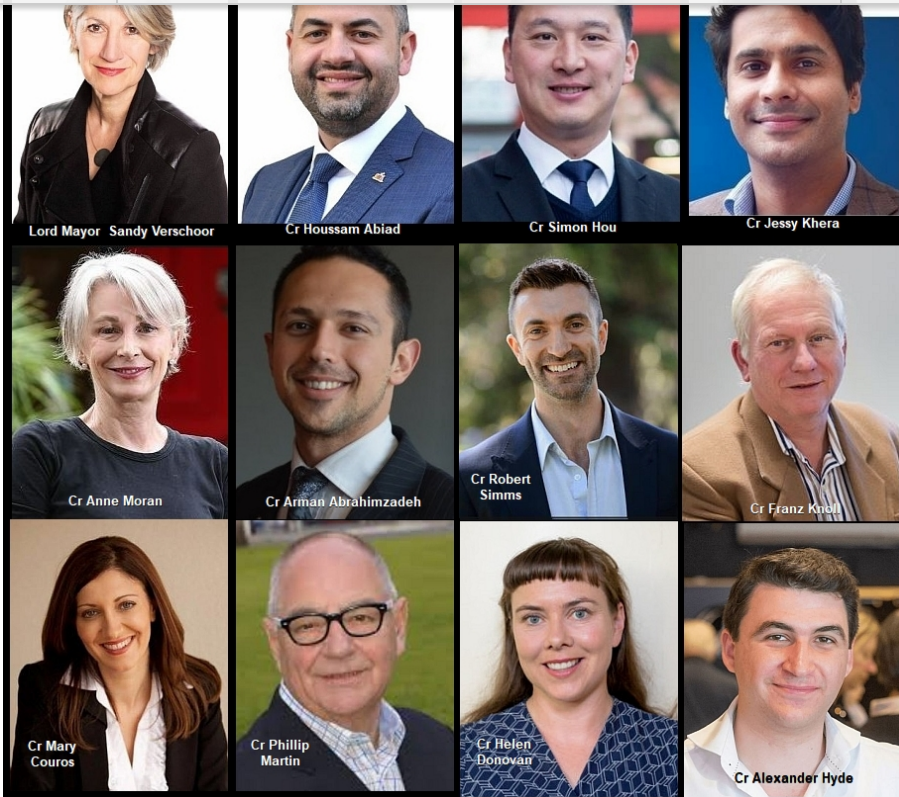
APPA will, of course, keep in touch with the City Council and all elected members to pursue [our Objectives](#).

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The successful election candidates who will lead the City of Adelaide for the next four years.

It's been claimed that this election result reflects a majority for a group that is supposedly known as 'Team Adelaide' but it's by no means clear that there is any coherent group of that name. Read more here: <https://indaily.com.au/news/2018/11/12/team-adelaide-closes-on-city-council-majority/>

CLOSING TORRENS LAKE?



There are fears that over the summer months, outbreaks of blue-green algae will force the closure of Torrens lake, both in Tarntanya Wama (Park 26) and downstream between Park 1 and Park 27.

Earlier this month, the Department for Environment and Water hosted a workshop to ask community groups how best to manage the blue-green algal problem to minimise unsightly conditions, health risks and maintain the public's enjoyment of this section of the Park Lands.

Departmental officers pointed out that:

- Water flow in the Torrens is highly variable during the year. In summer, the base flow is almost zero, insufficient for environmental management.
- Blue-green algae grows to excessive amounts when environmental conditions permit: i.e.

- depending on a combination of nutrient levels and water temperature
- When an outbreak occurs, the optimum treatment is to release "flush flows" from Kangaroo Creek dam. However, there is a balance to be struck between improving the condition of the lake, and depleting Adelaide's water supplies. In the past, flush flows have been regulated at 150 megalitres per day, for four to five days.
- Flush flows have some negative impact down stream: on the riverbed, riverbanks and on water quality at the beach.
- Other mitigating measures have been tested with varying success.
- This coming summer, low rainfall is expected over the Torrens catchment.
- Adelaide's river system is quite unique for algae blooming, due to temperatures and river flows versus other Australian cities' river systems
- It's not clear why algae has appeared only in recent years, but it might be due to ecological changes such as the removal of some reeds and other river bank plants that provided habitat for fauna and flora that fed off and/or competed with the algae;
- In the past, the ecology of the river had been based on the river drying out, to a degree, each year which does not happen any more.
- Rather than responding tactically to reduce the algae levels when they appear (usually during peak tourism seasons with a risk of negative publicity about Adelaide), discussions were on letting more reeds and other greenery back, and have the river level drop for a few months each year in a controlled and announced way as a sustainable way to manage the river's ecology.

The questions being asked are:

For the blue-green algae issue, under what circumstances is it OK for the lake to be closed: when, how long?

Should we change the management of the river's ecology to see if this halts the algae from flourishing?



In the workshop, varied points of view were expressed. APPA pointed out that, in the immediate vicinity of the lake (Elder Park, Pinky Flat, etc.), the public is being excluded by fenced off commercial events throughout the year.

The so-called pontoon, placed into the river by the Adelaide Festival is used as a bar during various events. Other events frequently use fencing to exclude the public from a significant area of the Riverbank and Elder Park, and obstruct the pedestrian / cycle path along the River.

To obtain public support for long term management of the lake it would be preferable to maintain public access to the lake at all times. Excluding the public for extensive periods is an archetypical *tragedy of the commons*, which is acknowledged worldwide as a means by which shared environmental resources are overused and eventually depleted.

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VIDEO OF THE MONTH - VICTORIA PARK / PAKAPAKANTHI (Park 16)



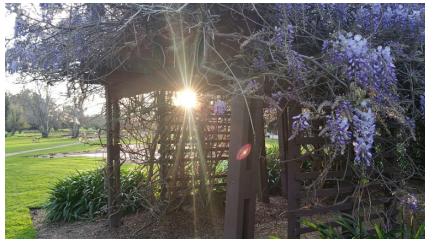
Special thanks to Lee Fitton for the editing of this month's video.

Catch up on any of our earlier Park videos at our YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBBBQLY6as_sQv0BoQm69Rw/videos

We're gradually building, in numerical order, a video guide to all parts of the Adelaide Park Lands.

The next one, due for release in the December newsletter, will be [Carriageway Park / Tuthangga \(Park 17\)](#).

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APPA's collaboration with the National Trust has led to the publication of another Park Lands self-guided walking trail guide; the eighth in our series.

The newly-published [guide to Veale Park / Walyu Yarta \(Park 21\)](#) features more than 40 photos (both historical and current) and commentary explaining and illustrating 22 separate locations within the Park.

If you're in a hurry, you can skim through the trail in under an hour. However, if you can spare a little more time, you will be rewarded with some surprising insights and a better appreciation, not just of Veale Gardens, but also the wider Park 21, and its place in Adelaide's history, culture and present lifestyles.

Audio narration has been supplied by APPA's Park 21 Ambassador Peter Sansom.

To best experience this (or one of the seven other trails) use the National Trust's 'Adelaide City Explorer' smartphone app, or tap into the trail guide from the Trust's [Adelaide City Explorer web page](#). Links to all Park Lands trail guides can be found at www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/guided-walks

More trail guides will be added in coming months.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE PARKLANDS

There are always events scheduled in the Park Lands, many of them free, and there are always opportunities to explore the Park Lands on your own, or with friends or family. Browse our [Explore Parks](#) pages for hints about interesting spots to visit. This month's featured opportunities, in date order, are:



[Run for Palestine](#) - Sun 18 Nov 9.30am to 2.00pm starting in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli ([Park 27](#)). A 5 km running (or walking) course beside the River Torrens. Tickets: \$15-\$25 (children under 12 free). Price includes a T-shirt and a light lunch and certificate. See a traditional Palestinian 'Dabke' dance, kids' face-painting, music, photography exhibition, sports activities & competitions. Funds raised will support the humanitarian and campaign work of the Australian Friends of Palestine Association. Click the pic for details.

[Guided walk through Bunday's Paddock / Tidlangga \(Park 9\)](#) Sun 18 Nov 10.00am to 11.30am. Join Park Ambassador Rosemary Luke for an easy walk around Park 9. Featuring a bushland trail, a kids playspace, bike trails

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and sports facilities. You'll also learn some quirky history about the nearby heritage

welcome. Gold coin donation requested. (Free for APPA members). About 75 to 90 minutes. Click the pic for details.

[Feast Festival - 'Picnic in the Park'](#) – Sunday 25 November 11am at Pinky Flat, Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)). The Feast festival's Annual community picnic. \$10.

Attractions include live music, novelty races, the 'tug of peace', a board game café, roving live performances, dog show, and drag fashion parade.

[Click the pic for details](#)

[Gear Up Girl](#) – Sunday 25 November – a choice of three routes: 10km River Ride (9.45am) 40km Beach Ride (9.15am) or 55km Harbour Ride (9.00am) all starting and finishing at Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli ([Park 27](#)). "Bikes, beach and bubbles": having fun on the bike and relaxing at the finish with friends.

[Click the pic for details](#)

[Lighting of the Xmas tree](#) – Saturday 1 December 5 to 9pm [Victoria Square](#) / Tarntanyangga Open-air Christmas music with the City of Adelaide Concert Band and the Gospo Collective. Free activities for kids including face painting, giant games, and roving performers like Bubbles the Elf and two magical dancing Christmas Puddings!An alcohol-free event.

[Click the pic for details.](#)

[Who is Circa?](#) – Thursday 15th to Sunday 25 of November: Performances at 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm each day at the Adelaide Botanic Garden ([Park 11](#)). Circa is an outdoor theatre performance, which will take you on a journey through Adelaide Botanic Garden's past. Tickets \$10 to \$32.

[Click the pic for details.](#)

[Shania Twain - Live In the Park](#) Sunday 2nd December, Botanic Park ([Park 11](#)) from 3.30pm. Five-time GRAMMY Award-winner and the reigning Queen of Country Pop. Shania Twain, performing all her great hits including: "You're Still The One", "From This Moment", "That Don't Impress Me Much" and "Man I Feel Like A Woman".

[Click the pic for details.](#)

[Bon Jovi - Live In the Park](#) Tues 4th December, Botanic Park ([Park 11](#)) 3.30pm to 10.30pm. Global rock icons and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame 2018 inductees Bon Jovi 'This House Is Not For Sale' tour. Performing all their great hits including: "Livin' on a Prayer", "Bad Medicine", "You Give Love a Bad Name", "It's My Life", "Runaway". Supporting act: ARIA Award winning band Birds of Tokyo. Click the pic for details.

[Carols in the Square](#) – Thur 6 December, [Whitmore Square](#). Family-friendly event run in partnership with Westcare Church and

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Carols in the Square.

supported by the City of Adelaide and StreetFleet. Featuring Tutti Choir, Holdfast Community Band and other great artists.

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6:30pm: a light, free meal will be served.
7:30pm - 9pm: Entertainment, and activities for children. Pack a picnic rug/chair, relax and sing along. Click the pic for details.



Carols by Candlelight - Sat 15 December, Elder Park, Tarntanya Wama ([Park 26](#)).

A free event, although reserved seating may be purchased. Pre-show entertainment begins at 5.00pm - 8.00pm. Main event from 8.15pm - 10.30pm. A folded note contribution upon entry would be greatly appreciated to support kids living with disability achieve their goals. Click the pic for details.

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ADELAIDE HOSTS WORLD FORUM FOR 'NATIONAL PARK CITIES'



State Environment Minister, David Spiers (centre) and other delegates

World-renowned experts and government representatives from across the globe [gathered in Adelaide last month](#) to exchange ideas about working with communities to make greener and healthier cities where people enjoy connecting with nature.

The State Government has what it calls a 'Green Adelaide' vision, with the goal of making this city "the most ecologically vibrant city in the world".

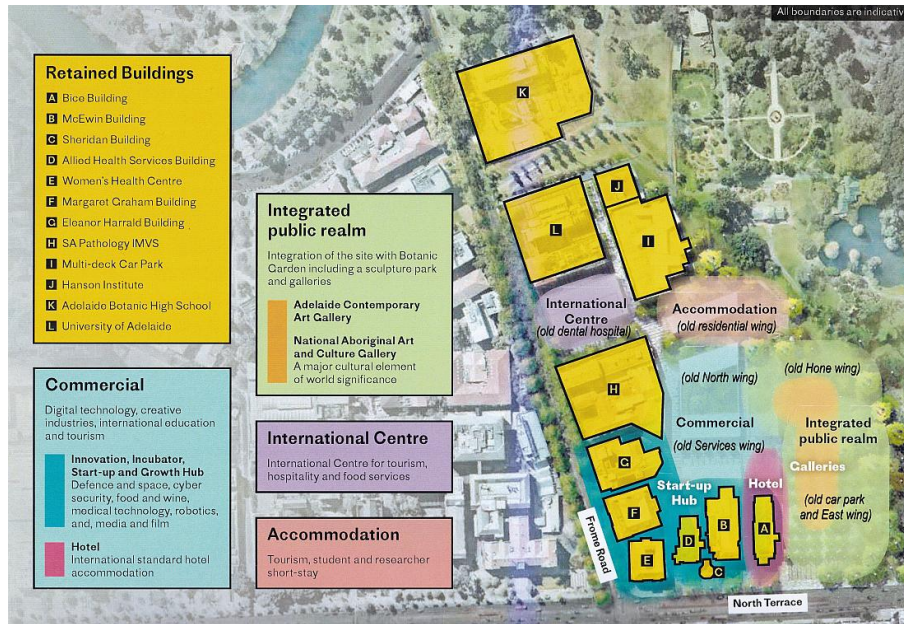
"Green Adelaide" is a new organisation, intended to be the replacement for the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board. Its brief is much broader than just the Adelaide Park Lands. [According to the Environment Minister, David Spiers](#), it "will deliver natural resource management in metropolitan Adelaide, focussing on enhancing the city's urban ecology and investing in the natural environment to improve community well-being."

There is not yet, however, any commitment to better protecting the Adelaide Park Lands as part of that 'Green Adelaide' vision.

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The oRAH site in the Park Lands is now surrounded by security fencing, and within that, several projects are taking shape.

After the state spending millions of dollars on design competitions and concept plans, the government has issued a diagram with a few coloured blobs.



RenewalSA's 'Plan' for oRAH

It's great to see the FS Hone and East wing are being demolished (see below) as these were appallingly ugly concrete monstrosities that were built on land that was previously part of the Adelaide Botanic Garden.

It would be great to see this land returned to the Botanic Garden or become open Park Land.

However, in the Renewal SA plan, it's labelled "Galleries and Integrated public realm" which refers to a building undercroft.

APPA supports all of the East Wing area being returned to Park Lands. We do not support the construction of any new art gallery on the oRAH site unless it can be accommodated in one or more of the existing heritage-listed buildings.



Demolition of F S Hone and East wings

Renovation of the Outpatients (1935) and A and C (1935) buildings, both on the State H heritage register, is also underway. (See below.)

These two buildings are marked by RenewalSA as 'Start Up Hub', which indicates they will be rented out as office space for start-up businesses.

The concept of an innovation/incubator start-up and growth hub is entirely commercial. It is not a public use.

If you haven't done so already, please sign our petition to Premier Steven Marshall:

<https://www.change.org/p/steven-marshall-mp-keep-public-land-public>



Outpatients (L) and A & C (R) buildings undergoing renovation

The status of the old RAH site is Park Lands. That is made clear by the [Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005](#). Section 23 requires the minister to prepare a report about the future use and status of the land, including actions required to make the land suitable for public use as park lands.

That report must be tabled in Parliament and furnished to Adelaide City Council. To date, these requirements have not been met.

There is a clear implication that land occupied by the Crown or a State authority and no longer required for its existing uses will be made suitable for public use as park lands. Neither the former State Labor Government nor the current State Liberal Government has shown any indication of complying with this part of the Act.

See our lead story above: [Re-Write the Act to Protect Park Lands](#).

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BRIEFLY, IN OTHER PARK LANDS NEWS



Parking offences

There are hefty fines for unauthorised parking on the Park Lands.

As [the City Council points out](#):

"Parking on grass areas and paths in the Adelaide Park Lands compromises the movement and safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other recreational users.

"In addition, the moving and parking of vehicles can damage the grass, tree roots, native vegetation and soil."

At least some of the five vehicles in the photo above might have been parked illegally in Red Gum Park / Karrowirra ([Park 12](#)) off Victoria Drive. The operators of the nearby Lounders Boatshed Cafe and Jolley's Cruises have permits allowing two parking spaces each, but only on the bitumen, not the grassed area the Park. We've alerted the Council to the issue and asked for clarification.

Beware of Snakes in Park 21

Among the many types of landscapes within the Adelaide Park Lands there are a few pockets of native vegetation. In recent years there's been some great work done by the City Council, Bush for Life volunteers and others, to re-vegetate some

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areas with the native plants that would have existed on the Adelaide Plains prior to European settlement.

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One of those areas is in Veale Park / Walyu Yarta ([Park 21](#)) south of Veale Gardens.

It's great spot to explore, but as Park Ambassador Peter Sansom has noticed, there is also this recently-installed warning sign.



It's left the Park

After more than 100 years, this 1915 memorial to the Anzacs of the Dardenelles campaign in World War One has been removed from Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra ([Park 21W](#)) off South Terrace.

It's being relocated to the 'Anzac Walk' off Kintore Avenue. This memorial is believed to be the first World War One memorial anywhere in Australia. It was first located alongside Sir Lewis Cohen Avenue in an area called "Wattle Grove" and for decades was a focal point for the SA-based "Wattle Day League".

In recent months, APPA members Walter Dollman and David Faber campaigned unsuccessfully to retain the Dardenelles memorial in [Park 21W](#). Read more about the memorial [here](#).



Yes we DO need you!

Which part of the Park Lands is your favourite?

Becoming a Park Ambassador for your favourite part of the Park Lands is a great way to introduce others to our priceless heritage.

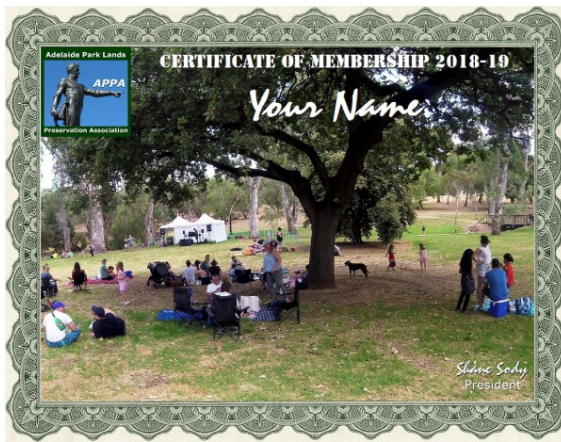
As an Ambassador you'll host a walk, once per year, through your favourite part of the Park Lands.

You don't even have to do the research about what your Park contains. We'll organise that for you.

So step up, and speak up. Check out our [Guided Walks page](#), then contact secretary@adelaide-parklands.asn.au to offer your services as a Park Ambassador.



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Give the gift of APPA Membership this Christmas

If you know someone who appreciates the Adelaide Park Lands, give them a badge of honour. Give a gift of APPA membership for 2018-19.

We rely almost exclusively on annual membership fees to continue our Park Lands advocacy, so if you haven't already, please consider putting your money where your mouth is and backing APPA to keep up the Park Lands fight. Details here: www.adelaide-parklands.asn.au/membership

As a financial member of APPA, your gift recipient will get:

- the priceless satisfaction of supporting APPA's work;
- free participation in our [monthly guided Park Lands walks](#);
- eligibility to become a Park Ambassador and lead an annual [guided walk through one Park](#);
- the responsibility to help guide APPA's activities through the Annual General meeting; and
- a printable PDF membership certificate (see above).

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From the top:

- a) Adelaide Cricket club home game in G.S. Kingston Park / Wirraninthi ([Park 23](#)) off West Terrace.
- b) Family of wood ducks all lined up, near the River Torrens / Karrawirra Parri in Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli ([Park 27](#))
- c) Cycling criterium race near Wakefield Road in Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi ([Park 16](#))
- d) The dog park in Pelzer Park / Pityarilla ([Park 19](#)) off Glen Osmond Rd
- e) The Garden of Remembrance in Pennington Gardens East, between Sir Edwin Smith Avenue and King William Rd part of Red Gum Park / Karrawirra ([Park 12](#))

The Park Lands 'photo of the day' series has been running since May 2014, and the collection of Park Lands photos gathered over more than four years now numbers over 1,650. We maintain (and gradually grow) more than 40 separate albums: one for each one of our 30 numbered Parks, six squares (and several albums for 'Alienations'). To find out more about any of these featured Parks, click the link to the Park number.

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