



QUALITY OF LIFE RECREATION



Being a good sport is easy in Tupelo/Lee County. In addition to a brand-new aquatic center, our community has many other top-notch recreation facilities and activities for residents who want to stay in shape and on top of their game.



Parks and Rec

Tupelo residents of all ages stay active and entertained at more than a dozen parks and recreation facilities. A couple of the largest are Ballard Park Sportsplex and Veterans Park. The spacious Ballard Park Sportsplex has facilities dedicated to baseball, soccer and football. It features a 3-acre lake, skate park and disc golf course, and also includes the Tupelo Parks and Recreation administrative office.

Amenities, such as a playground, quarter-mile trail, disc golf course and the new Tupelo Aquatic Center are part of Veterans Park. Also on site is a four-field sports complex, sand volleyball courts and a Veterans Memorial that salutes the military.

Running

Runners can train for several local races each year, including the Tupelo Marathon and 14.2 Miler in September sponsored by the Tupelo Running Club. The club also backs a Running With The King 5K during the annual Tupelo Elvis Festival and a yearly Gum Tree 10K and 2K Fun Run. The area is also home to the Golden Triangle Running & Cycling Club.

Fishing

The more popular fishing spots in and around Tupelo include Elvis Presley Lake, Enid Reservoir, Lake Lamar Bruce, Pickwick Lake, Trace State Park and the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The Tupelo fishing region is known for its crappie, smallmouth and largemouth bass, catfish and bream.

Golf

Golf venues in Tupelo include the public, nine-hole Bel Air Golf Course, while members can enjoy the private Tupelo Country Club. The challenging Bermuda-grass Big Oaks 18-hole public course is located in nearby Saltillo.

Tournaments

Tupelo has established itself as an attractive sports tournament destination, having hosted several local, state and regional events in recent years. In summer 2013 alone, Tupelo welcomed six softball tournaments (both slow-pitch and fast-pitch) as well as a disc golf competition and a tennis tourney.



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