



VILLAGE OF WALDEN
RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT
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Park Descriptions & Program Schedules

BRADLEY PARK 34.2 acres 48 Albany Avenue

- 4 Baseball Fields
- 1 Softball Field
- 2 Tennis Courts
- Skate Park
- Scout Cabin
- Concession Stand
- Bathrooms
- Pavilion with Picnic Tables
- Children's Playground

JAMES W. OLLEY COMMUNITY PARK 98.9 acres 97 East Sherman Avenue

- Children's Playgrounds
- 3 Pavilions with Picnic Tables and Grills
- Gazebo
- 1.2 Mile Long Nature Trail
- Sledding Hill
- Bathroom/Storage
- Paddleboats
- Parks Department Facility
- Man-Made Lake & Beach for Swimming, Boating & Fishing
- Home to the Village's Summer Recreation Camp

WOOSTER MEMORIAL GROVE PARK 9.4 acres 89 East Main Street / Route 52

- Recreation Building (former Train Station)
- 2 Outdoor Basketball Courts
- Picnic Area
- Shuffleboard Court
- Bandstand
- Youth Center Gymnasium with indoor basketball courts
- Walden Community Playground
- Walden - Wallkill Rail Trail Welcoming Center

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Programs

The Village is fortunate to have a very active Recreation & Parks Department that has many youth programs available. Below is an alphabetical listing of the programs offered with a brief description:

- ⇒ **After School Program** – Free program that runs Monday through Thursday during the school year only 3:30-5:30pm at the John H. Howland Teen Center at Wooster Memorial Grove Park. The program is open to all youth ages 12-18 of the Valley Central School District. (Program follows the Valley Central School Calendar and is not open when there is no school)
- ⇒ **Basketball** – Registration is in September, practice begins in December, and games are played in January; Games are played at the John H. Howland Teen Center at Wooster Memorial Grove Park and Walden Elementary School (Orchard Street). Open to all Town of Montgomery Residents ages 6-18.
- ⇒ **Beach at James W. Olley Community Park** – The Beach is open June-August – from 12-6pm daily.
- ⇒ **Christmas in the Square** – Features a live nativity, holiday movie viewing, caroling, tree lighting, and Santa's arrival. Festivities are held in Village Square the first Thursday of December annually.
- ⇒ **Easter Egg Hunt** – Held annually at James W. Olley Community Park the Saturday prior to Easter.
- ⇒ **Flag Football** – Registration is in April and games begin in June; Games are played at Bradley Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-17.
- ⇒ **Halloween Parade, Haunted House and Hayride** – Held at James W. Olley Community Park on the Saturday prior to Halloween which kicks off the free Haunted House & Hayride that is open through Halloween weekend.
- ⇒ **Indoor Soccer** – Registration is in September and games begin in November; Games are played at the John H. Howland Teen Center at Wooster Memorial Grove Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-9.
- ⇒ **Outdoor Soccer** - Registration is in July and games begin in September; Games are played at Bradley Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-12.
- ⇒ **Summer Day Camp** – Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-15. The half day and full day programs are held at James W. Olley Community Park Monday-Friday in July and August offering daily activities including athletic games, swimming, arts and crafts, nature walks, and team building activities daily. There are also various field trips planned throughout the six weeks for an additional cost. Early drop off program is also available.
- ⇒ **Summer Youth Leadership Academy** – A youth leadership development program for 8th and 9th graders that begins in July for 6 weeks Monday through Friday from 9am-3pm at the John H. Howland Teen Center at Wooster Memorial Grove Park. The program covers: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, community and service learning projects, organizational and teamwork training, including team leadership training, training in decision making, including goal-setting and determining priorities, citizenship, and positive social behaviors. Applications come out in April and are due by the end of June.
- ⇒ **Summer Youth Employment Program** - Program that provides youth with a positive and safe form of local summer employment while simultaneously increasing their education in branding themselves for today's job market as well as resume and real life skills building. Summer Employment is approximately 60 hours at a Participating Village of Walden Business. Open to all Village of Walden residents ages 14-18. Applications come out in April and are due in June.
- ⇒ **Teen Center** – Open to all Valley Central students ages 12-18 Fridays and Saturdays from 7-11pm at the John H. Howland Teen Center at Wooster Memorial Grove Park. During school breaks and the summer months the teen center is open Monday through Saturday 7-11pm. Check the Village Calendar for an official schedule.
- ⇒ **Tennis Lessons** – Registration is in April and lessons begin end of April, weather permitting; Lessons are given at the Tennis Courts at Bradley Park. Open to all Town of Montgomery residents ages 5-16.

Special Events

Movie in the Park - Wooster Memorial Grove Park

FREE movie showings held in Wooster Memorial Grove Park on selected Saturdays in July and August. Check our website for summer schedule.

Music in the Grove - Wooster Memorial Grove Park Bandstand

The FREE concerts are on Wednesday evenings in July and August at the Walden Rotary Rail Trail Theater at Wooster Memorial Grove, East Main Street. The concerts are FREE, open to the public and feature a variety of musical performances. The Music in the Grove concert series is produced by the Village of Walden Recreation & Parks Department, Josephine-Louise Public Library, and the Walden Community Council. Check our websites for the most up to date schedule of concerts.

National Night Out Against Crime - Bradley Park

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Held the first Tuesday of August at Bradley Park our event is completely FREE to the public that includes vendors, raffles, giveaways, and ends with a wonderful firework display.

Walden Harvest Fest - Municipal Square

Every year on the First Saturday in October, the Village of Walden and the Walden Community Council host the annual Harvest Fest also known as Walden Day from 9am-4pm. Harvest Fest kicks off each year on Friday night with the Little Miss Walden Contest in Municipal Square at 5:30pm followed by a Family Dance at the Teen Center in Wooster Grove from 7-9pm. Also called Walden Day, the festival itself is a full day of action-packed events, shopping, and food for the whole family. Located in the Municipal Square of Walden in the beautiful Hudson Valley, New York. Admission to Harvest Fest is always FREE!

Walden's Harvest Fest began in 1986 as a simple harvest celebration; now well over 1,000 visitors and more than 100 vendors attend the one-day event, even traveling from neighboring states to experience the extraordinary variety of Walden's culture and entertainment. Harvest Fest is produced by the Village of Walden and the Walden Community Council. Festival proceeds are used by the Walden Community Council to support community events and other local non-profit organizations throughout the year.

Additional Community Services and Amenities

6K Race – Village of Walden Recreation & Parks Department's annual 6K Race held the first Saturday of August. The race begins and ends at James W. Olley Community Park and loops through the Village of Walden. Registration for runners and non-competitive walkers begins in July. Check our website in July or call (845) 778-2177 x1524 for more information.

Adult Gym – Town of Montgomery residents ages 18 and older are welcome to join in our pick-up basketball adult gym held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the months of January-March 9-11pm.

Farmers Market – Held in Walden's beautiful Village Square during the months of July, August, and September on Thursdays from 2-7pm. Residents can purchase local wine, honey, produce, and bakery items from various vendors. EBT Tokens are taken at specific vendor booths. Vendor applications are accepted early spring. Check the Village website for the most up to date information.

NFL Football Game Bus Trip – Village of Walden Recreation & Parks Department's annual trip to a Professional NFL football game offered in the fall to the residents of Walden. Trip includes 1 ticket to the game, transportation to and from the game, and catered tailgating (beverages are not included). Check our website beginning in June for registration information or call (845) 778-2177 x1524.

Public Beach – Located at James W. Olley Community Park, the beach is open for public use beginning mid-June through August from 12pm to 6pm daily. The beach also features a volleyball court and the park facility has pavilions with BBQ grills and picnic tables also for public use.

Walden Senior Citizen Club – Village of Walden Recreation & Parks Department sponsors a Village Senior Club that meets Tuesdays at 1pm at the Walden Firehouse (230 Old Orange Avenue). The Club has its own executive board elected by its membership and provides trips, aerobics classes, speakers, and of course comradery

Zumba Class – Zumba Fitness Classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays year round at the Wooster Memorial Grove Park from 5:30-6:30pm.



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MARY JEAN "MIDGE" NORMAN PARK .23 acres

Alfred Place

- Basketball Court (half court)
- Children's Playground
- Picnic Area

MAPLE STREET BOAT LAUNCH 1.2 acres

Maple Street

- on the eastern shore of the Wallkill River allows residents access to the river where they can boat, fish, canoe or kayak. Future Boardwalk & Fishing Pier

MARTIN BESDESKY PLAYGROUND .44 acres

Pond Road

- Children's Playground
- Picnic Area

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Route 52/West Main Street

- Celebrating our Veterans service, personalized engraved memorial bricks line the walkways in their honor as well as banners placed along the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. To memorialize your favorite veteran with either a banner or a brick please visit our Veteran's Park page on our website for the most up to date forms and deadlines.

WALDEN-TO-WALLKILL RAIL TRAIL

- Beginning at Wooster Grove, once the Wallkill Valley Railroad, now thrives as a 3.22-mile long, paved trail. It links the Village of Walden to the Hamlet of Wallkill in Ulster County. The trail is used for walking, jogging, bicycling and dog walking. While the entrance at the top of Woodruff Street is maintained by the Village, the Trail itself is maintained by the Town of Montgomery and the Town of Shawangunk. (ADA)

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