

# The Oldest City Parks



Park Name	City	Year Established
Boston Common	Boston, Mass.	1634
New Haven Green	New Haven, Conn.	1641
Washington/Marion Squares	Charleston, S.C.	1680
Rittenhouse/Washington/Logan/Franklin Squares	Philadelphia, Pa.	1682
Salem Common	Salem, Mass.	1685
Battery Park	New York, N.Y.	1686
Bowling Green/City Hall Parks	New York, N.Y.	1686
Military/Washington Parks	Newark, N.J.	1697
Jackson Square	New Orleans, La.	1718
San Pedro Springs Park	San Antonio, Tex.	1729
Johnson Square	Savannah, Ga.	1733
El Pueblo	Los Angeles, Calif.	1781
Duane Street Park	New York, N.Y.	1797
Public Square	Cleveland, Ohio	1796
Lafayette Square	Washington, D.C.	1804
Gravois/Laclede/Mt. Pleasant Parks	St. Louis, Mo.	1812
Jackson Place Park	St. Louis, Mo.	1816
Santa Fe Plaza	Santa Fe, N.M.	1821
Washington Square	New York, N.Y.	1823
Patterson Park	Baltimore, Md.	1827
Union Square	New York, N.Y.	1832
Tompkins Square Park	New York, N.Y.	1833
Port Richmond Park	Staten Island, N.Y.	1836
Lafayette Park	St. Louis, Mo.	1838
Daniel Carter Beard Memorial Square	Queens, N.Y.	1841
Fairmount Park	Philadelphia, Pa.	1844
Wyanda Park	Queens, N.Y.	1844
Grant Park	Chicago, Ill.	1847
Madison Square Park/Reservoir Square (Bryant Park)	New York, N.Y.	1847
Washington Park (Fort Greene Park)	Brooklyn, N.Y.	1847
Rice Park	St. Paul, Minn.	1849
Grand Circus Park	Detroit, Mich.	1850
Pantoja Park	San Diego, Calif.	1850
Union/Washington Squares	San Francisco, Calif.	1850
Goodale Park	Columbus, Ohio	1851
Monroe Park	Richmond, Va.	1851
Union Park	Chicago, Ill.	1853
Bushnell Park	Hartford, Conn.	1854

City Park	New Orleans, La.	1854
Elm Park	Worcester, Mass.	1854
Esther Short Park	Vancouver, Wash.	1855
Washington Park	Cincinnati, Ohio	1855
Central Park	New York, N.Y.	1858
Druid Hill Park	Baltimore, Md.	1860
Miller Park	Lynchburg, Va.	1862
Allegheny Commons	Pittsburgh, Pa.	1867
Buena Vista Park	San Francisco, Calif.	1867
The Ellipse	Washington, D.C.	1867
Balboa Park	San Diego, Calif.	1868
Farragut/Franklin Squares	Washington, D.C.	1868
Golden Gate Park	San Francisco, Calif.	1870
Riverside Park	New York, N.Y.	1872
Garfield Park	Indianapolis, Ind.	1873

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