

### 11 Mike Ford Tennis Center @ Stimpson

**Park** has (12) public tennis courts, (4) pickleball courts, a 2,086 lineal foot running track with fitness challenges along the way. There are also open acres for team, family, or individual sport activities. Parking is available. Located at the intersections of Morphy Avenue, Young Street & Mershon.

### 12 Fairhope Municipal Sporting Parks/ Volanta Sports Complex

Complex, Hwy 98 and Volanta Avenue north of downtown Fairhope, is the City's 50-acre sporting complex with indoor / outdoor swimming pools, a kid's play pool, a fitness center, disc golf, batting cages, 7 baseball fields, a football stadium, a gym, a basketball and racquetball court, picnic area, and playground. An unsuper-vised **skate plaza** is located along Volanta Avenue. Skating is at your own risk. Safety equipment is required. A **dog park** is located on Volanta Avenue near the skate park. Dogs are allowed only in the dog park. Open green space. For more information, call (251) 990-0174.

### 13 Marietta Johnson Botanical Garden & Tree Trail

**Trail is located** on the Coastal Alabama Community College campus in downtown Fairhope, Fairhope Avenue. The garden is named for famous educator Marietta Johnson. The garden and tree trail is a joint project of the college, the Wisteria Garden Club and the Fairhope Tree Commission.

**14 Volanta Beach Park** is strictly for the able-bodied. At the south end of North Mobile Street at Perdido Ave., walk down a staircase and trek through a cypress swamp to the beach. Beware of poison ivy, cypress knees and swampy conditions.

**15 Colony Nature Park** on Twin Beech Road (Hwy 44) east of Hwy 98, is a 40-acre park owned by the City of Fairhope. Flood capture greenspace for Cowpen Creek. 18-hole disc golf and half mile walking loop. It is vehicle accessible.

**16 \*Founders Park** is a 25 acre Sports Complex located on County Road 44, east of Highway 98. This complex includes 5 softball fields and approximately 15 acres of multi-use fields.

**17 Jasmine Park** is located in a residential area at Jasmine Street and Yupon Avenue (off Gayfer Avenue). This three acre park has playground equipment suitable for small children. No designated parking.

**18 \*Nichols Landing** is a walk-in only park off South Mobile Street (at Nichols Ave.) ; exceptional bay views.

**19 \*White Avenue Park** is a paved drive area off South Mobile Street where you can stroll and fish off a short pier.

**20 Museum Plaza** is downtown off Bancroft Ave., behind the Fairhope Museum of History. Home to the *Mullet Run*, a fountain designed by America Jones and funded by COPA. Restrooms when open. Visitor Center with public restrooms is directly beside Museum.

**21 Manley Road Soccer Complex** includes 10 soccer fields, a walking track and a playground area. CR 13 @ Manley Rd.

**22 Barnwell Field** is a City-operated park on Hwy. 98 in Barnwell. The home of Fairhope Youth Football, it has two youth football fields, two baseball / softball fields and shaded pavilions.

South Beach Park Loop Trail



# The Parks of Fairhope



Seahorse Sculpture at Utopia Park



Museum Plaza

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Park Features & Numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Restrooms	X	X					X	X			X	X	X			X				X	X	X
Picnic Tables		X	X				X	X		X		X	X			X	X					
Grills		X																				
Playground Equipment		X						X		X		X										X
Beach		X	X				X							X						X		
Trail		X	X	X			X		X		X		X	X	X							
Pier	X	X					X													X		
Bay View	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					X					X	X		
Dogs Allowed on leash		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X				X	X		
Educational Signage	X	X			X		X	X	X				X		X						X	
Picnic Shelters		X							X		X											X
Fishing	X	X					X						X								X	
Birding	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X				X	X		
Tennis Cts/Running Track											X											
Swimming Pools/Fitness												X										
Wheelchair Access	X	X	X				X	X			X	X	X			X				X	X	X
Public Parking	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X			X	X	X

**1 \*Fairhope's Municipal Pier, Rose Garden & Fountain**, at the West end of Fairhope Avenue, is a favorite destination. Originally built in 1895, the pier has been rebuilt several times, most recently after Hurricane Katrina. Alongshore, enjoy Fairhope's Purple Martin Riviera. On the pier, watch fisherman cast nets for bait or catch a variety of fish. You must have a saltwater fishing license unless you are 65 or older. Fairhope's July 4th firework show is conducted at the end of the pier. Rose garden is American Rose Society accredited. Dogs are not allowed on the pier. View the pier and Rose Garden from the web cam: [piercam.cofairhope.com](http://piercam.cofairhope.com)

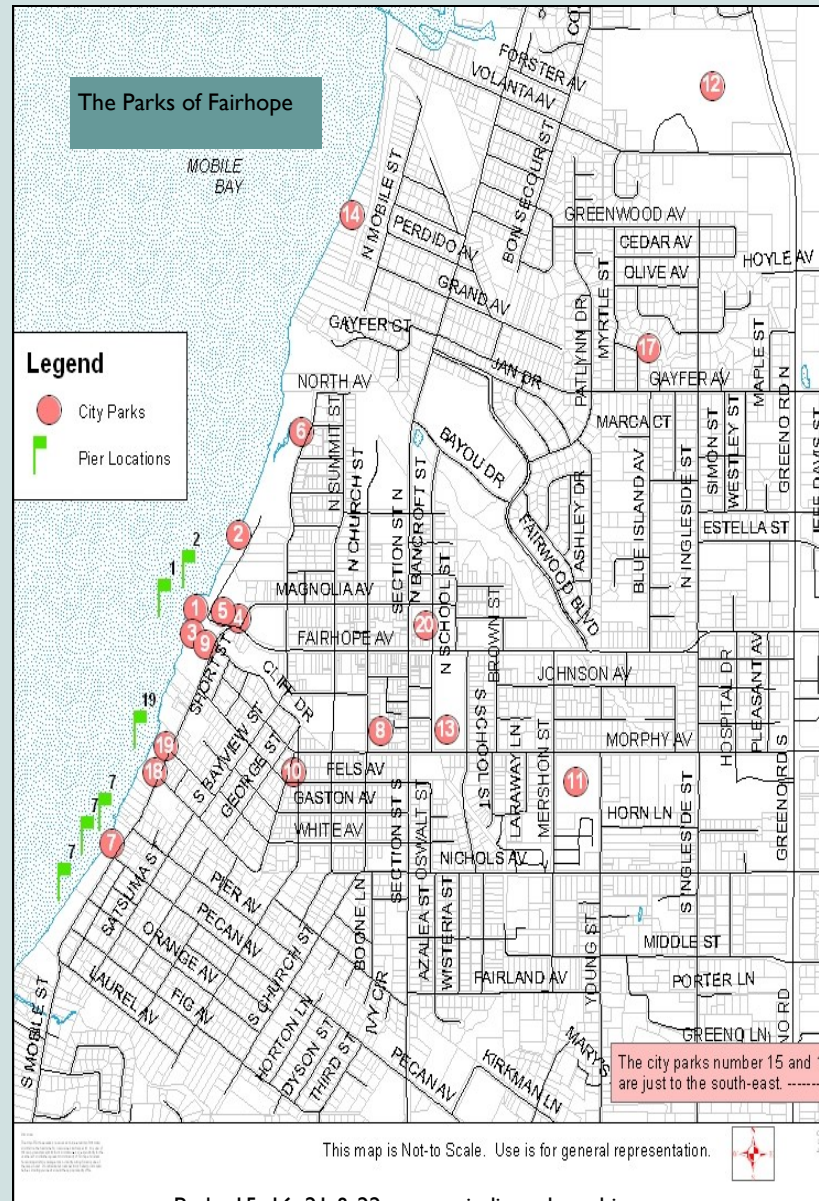


**2 \*North Beach Park**, North of the Rose Garden, is Fairhope's premier beach park for walkers, runners, beachgoers, and picnickers. The paved Beach Tree Trail encircles the park. An official Alabama's Coastal Birding Trail destination, the park has ducks, geese, and a wetland treatment pond. Watch for a green flag at the entrance, showing it is safe to swim. There is an entrance fee if you do not have a city sticker from City Hall on your vehicle.

**3 \*South Beach Park**, South of the Fairhope Municipal Pier, has a short multiple-use cement loop trail (approximately 1,300 lineal feet long) alongshore and benches and picnic tables among the trees. It is often used for weddings, special events and Earth Day activities. A small beach exists at the South end. Equipped with handicap areas for picnics.



**4 \*Knoll Park**, fronted by Fairhope Avenue at Magnolia Avenue, is wooded, and is being restored to a fire-resistant longleaf pine forest and native habitat. Some of its pines are over 130 years old. This park is named for George Knowles, a Charter Member of the Fairhope Single Tax Corporation.



**5 \*Henry George Park**, on a grassy bluff above the Municipal Pier and Fountain, is the site of Fairhope's Fourth of July celebration and Baldwin Pops Concert. There is also a Veteran's Memorial Statue (*Tears of Sorrow, Tears of Joy*), by Fairhope artist Stephen C. Spears, dedicated in 2013. Bring a picnic to enjoy all of the events.



**6 \*North Bluff Park** is located off North Bayview Street (north end) and is an excellent area for viewing a bay sunset from a park bench or a tree swing. Overlooks the beach front Park and has a stairway leading to North Beach Park. No designated parking.



**7 Magnolia Beach Park**, between Laurel Ave & Pier St along South Mobile St. has live oaks draped in Spanish moss and a multi-use path favored by strollers, bench sitters, and dog walkers. Dog bags and receptacles are available, as is a water source for dogs. The short piers along the bay are open to the public. Water quality results are posted near one of the central piers. A small butterfly sanctuary attracts the Gulf fritillary, swallowtails, and monarch butterflies in season. Public parking is available at the butterfly sanctuary and at the Pier Street no-fee boat ramp area, but you will need a city sticker to park at Orange Street pier.



**8 Fairhoppers Community Park**, built by Fairhope volunteers in downtown Fairhope along Church Street and Morphy Avenue, is a kid's paradise with creative playground equipment, climbing towers, and a giant dinosaur. A gazebo offers shade. Dogs are not permitted. Open sunrise to sundown.



**9 \*Utopia Park** overlooks South Beach Park. It features a bronze statue by Frances J. Neumann, Barbara Casey and Richard Arnold honoring Marietta Johnson, 1907 founder of the School of Organic Education in Fairhope and an early advocate of progressive education. To the south is a seahorse sculpture by Bruce Larsen and John Rezner. Parking available at South Mobile St. @ Cliff Drive.

**10 Fels Toddler Park**, at Fels Avenue and Liberty Street, is a small, quiet neighborhood park with playground equipment and picnic tables & picnic shelter.