

ANN ARBOR PARKS & RECREATION
GIVE
365



2023 Highlights

2023 Visit Every Park Wall of Champions

These champions have visited every Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation property!



Nish & Moose



Brooks



Elana (Pictured: Kodi)



Aladdin



Karin & Jim



Boweï



Rachel & Kellen



Deven



Izzy & Zylar



Cathy



Parag



Jim & Ginny



Kennedy + Hull Family



Miller Family

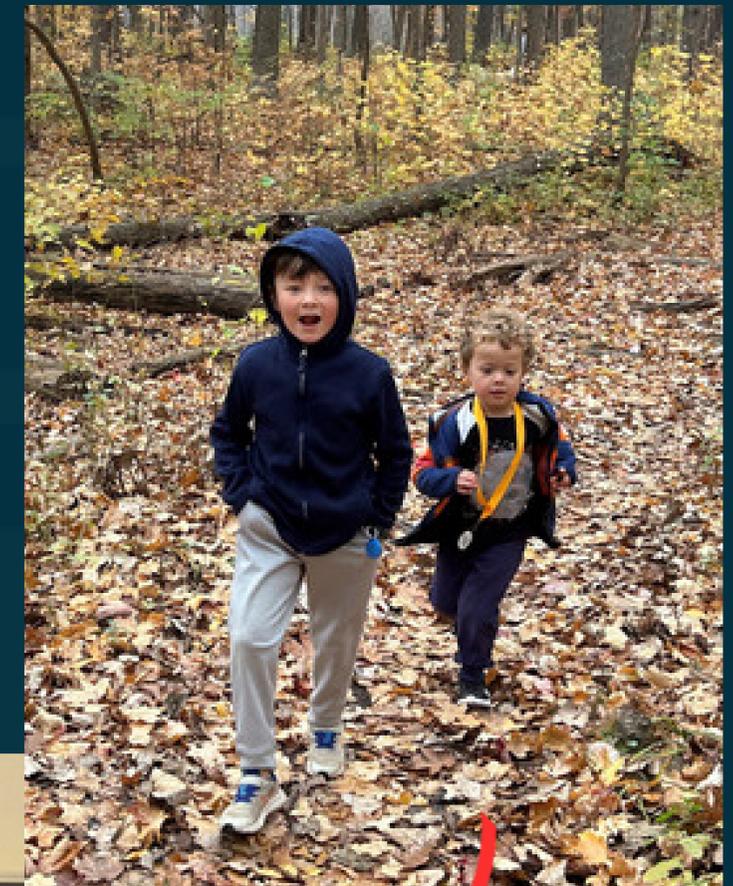


Lala & Riyan



William





What inspired you to visit every park?

- “After my first winter here, I was feeling homesick and wanted to get out more. Visiting all the parks was a great way to see more of Ann Arbor”
- “Saw info about the “challenge” on the website and wanted to have walking destinations to increase my activity level in the cooler months”
- “Back home, me and my husband like to spend time walking around the city. That’s why we decided to join this challenge, we visited most of the parks by taking the bus and walking to the surrounding parks”.

What surprised you most about this experience?

- “I was surprised by how “diverse” the Ann Arbor parks are — I didn’t know that that label included everything from tiny lots on street corners, to huge nature areas, to museums and senior centers!”
- “How many neighborhoods we never even knew existed in our town. It was very fun to explore new areas and see so many parks”.

Participant (Champion) Feedback

Favorite part about visiting every City of Ann Arbor Park?

- “Seeing parts of the city that I have never been to before! What a great way to explore the city!”
- “The clout. I have such a random interesting “fun fact” to share at ice breakers now haha :)”
- “mapping out walks for a future off day and then finding so many new and interesting areas (all with great parks)”
- “I can spend time visiting the park as well as exercising. We could visit up to 10 parks in a single walk”
- “That I did it. Followed by Wow I did not realize how many parks are close to each other”

Participant (Champion) Feedback

“This challenge and the Ann Arbor parks provided much needed light, joy and something to focus on and challenge myself with.”

2023 Recap

- **32** champions (representing 16 households)
- Ordered and distributed over 3,000 VEP brochures!
- Launched the Park Finder tool www.a2gov.org/parkfinder
 - Search by park name or amenity, includes links to Google Maps coordinates to park parking lots
- Partnered with the AADL Summer Game— **1,448** players entered the code at the “VEP Lounge” outside the GIVE 365 office in Fuller Park, over **2,000** found the codes on our website!
- Updated large banner at the VEP Lounge in Fuller Park, added one at Gallup Park with brochure box
- Implemented a registration sign-up form to try to capture how many community members are participating
 - Over 340 individuals registered representing diversity of all ages and backgrounds. Many of these were participants with family members, pets, or friends they recruited!

