

K. – Recreational Areas and Facilities

Public Parks

Chandler has several parks which have been enhanced over the past years.

Winchester Park-Chandler



Located on approximately 23 acres the park has four lighted baseball and softball fields, a concession stand with restroom facilities, one of the best playgrounds in East Texas, a pavilion, 9 concrete horseshoe throwing pits, a nine hole disc golf course and plenty of paved parking. Also included are RV hook-ups and picnic areas and lighted concrete walking paths with exercise stations around the perimeter of the park. The City also owns 23 additional adjacent acres for future park development.

McCain Park-Chandler

Built in 2005 with proceeds from an award won by Keep Chandler Beautiful, McCain Park is beautifully landscaped and contains an historic house that is used as the local museum, a gazebo, lighted concrete walking paths and benches. Future plans for the Park to be expanded with additional parking and walking trails and other historic structures to be moved onsite



River Park-Chandler



Located on the banks of the Neches River, the park provides River access and picnic areas, a nature walk and a boat ramp. The park has become a hot spot for fishing especially during the times of the year when the sand bass are running. The park also provides a great place for birding and canoe and kayak launching.

Additionally, nearby Tyler Texas, located approximately 12 miles from Chandler with a population of almost 100,000 people, has 26 public parks of various sizes with amenities ranging from playground equipment, swimming pools, many walking, nature and bicycle trails, tennis courts, picnic areas and other sporting areas.

Boating and Sport Fishing Facilities

Lake Palestine

Chandler is located at the headwaters of beautiful Lake Palestine which consists of over 25,500 acres bordering the southern city limits of the city. Access to the lake is provided by several public and private boat ramps for both fishermen and recreational boaters. Lake Palestine is a popular fishing destination as evidenced by the many fishing tournaments on the lake annually that attract anglers from around the state. Swimming areas dot the shoreline along with several RV camping sites and hiking trails located around the lake.



Tyler State Park—



This is a park located on 985.5 acres in Smith County and is north of Tyler and about 25 miles from Chandler.

The park includes a 64-acre lake owned by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Activities include picnicking, camping, boating (motors allowed - 5 mph speed limit), boat rentals, fishing, bird watching, hiking, mountain biking, lake swimming (in unsupervised swimming area) and nature study.

Public and Private Golf Courses

Echo Creek--Murchison

Located approximately 20 miles west of Chandler is a 6,200 yard par 71 semi-private golf course that is deceptively long with very fast but true greens.

Peach Tree and Oak Hurst Golf Course

The Oak Hurst Golf Course and Peach Tree Golf Course are right next to each other off Highway 69 between Tyler and Jacksonville and approximately 25 miles southwest of Chandler. Both golf courses offer novice golfers and experienced golfers different challenges. The Peach Tree Golf Course is an executive length, beginner friendly course favored by seniors, juniors, and those that are new to the game of golf. This shorter, more open links style golf course makes scoring much easier. The Oak Hurst

golf course is designed by famed golf course designer Carlton Gipson. Gipson has designed many great golf courses throughout the country. The Oak Hurst course was featured in the Dallas Morning News article "Diamonds in the Rough" which spotlighted great golf courses around the state of Texas that are not in metropolitan areas.

Cascades Country Club--Tyler,

It is a private club regarded as the finest golf course in East Texas and home of the Texas Open for the last six years.



Willowbrook Country Club--Tyler,

It is a private club with a premier 6,819 yard, 18-hole, par 71 Championship Golf Course, an Olympic size swimming pool with pool side food and beverage service, six lighted tennis courts, and a croquet court.

There are 12 additional public, private and semi-private courses within a 35 mile radius of Chandler.

Fitness Centers

Anytime Fitness-Chandler



It is a 24 hour access to fitness center with security featuring both cardio and strength equipment, wellness programs including both zumba and pilates with personal training available, private restrooms and showers.

East Texas Medical Center Fitness-Chandler

It is a 6200 square foot facility complete with cardiovascular equipment including treadmills, cycles, elliptical trainers, arm cycles, free weights, personal training and indoor saltwater pool.

Tan and Tone Fitness Center – Chandler

It is a fitness center with both cardio and strength equipment.

Senior and Community Centers

Chandler Community Center-Chandler



Located on Highway 31 adjacent to City Hall, the Community Center is an activity center available for community events and rentals by organizations and individuals. It has a fully functional kitchen, sound system, restrooms and tables and chairs. Currently, Meals on Wheels provides lunches for seniors daily and a country and western dance is provided every Thursday morning. In addition other activities are offered such as a painting group.

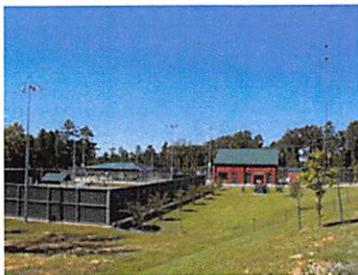
Silverleaf at Chandler-Chandler

A government subsidized community for seniors 55 and older, it offers weekly activities for seniors in their community room that are open to the public



Other Areas and Facilities

Tennis Centers



Faulkner Park-Tyler--The Faulkner Tennis Complex is a municipal tennis center open to the general public. FTC offers eight lighted tennis courts, low-cost programs, snack area, pro shop, professional instruction, covered pavilion, restrooms and picnic area.

Tyler also is home to Tyler Tennis and Swim and Apple Fitness Tennis Centers, two private clubs with reasonable memberships available.

East Texas Arboretum-Athens

Approximately 25 miles from Chandler, the East Texas Arboretum sits on more than 100 acres of native Texas land and includes formal gardens, historic buildings and a wooded nature area with more than 2 miles of naturalistic hiking trails.



Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center-Athens



Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center combines visitation and outdoor education with a production fish hatchery. Its mission is to provide an educational, entertaining visitor experience that promotes freshwater sport fishing and the enhancement, conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources in Texas.

Athens Scuba Park-Athens



Athens Scuba Park is a safe & relaxing location for divers to come out and spend a day or a weekend away from the city. The spring-fed warm waters boast an average visibility of 35' that can peak at 70'. The lake's depth is from 20 to 35 feet with the park facilities designed for maximum safety & enjoyment for divers. There is a wide range of 30+ wrecks to explore including the first Greyhound bus that country singer Ray Price toured in and Take Two, a triple-deck houseboat. Also down under lays a Lockheed C-140 Jet Star plane as well as a DART bus.

City of Chandler Library

The Chandler Public Library serves the eastern part of the county and has over 4000 patrons. Its prominent location on the main highway and hours of operation allow visitors easy access to the thousands of books and resources. The library's catalog is web-based and can be accessed from home computers. Patrons can renew, reserve, and request items on-line and can search the library's holdings.

Bowling

The cities of Tyler, Athens and Jacksonville all offer Bowling Centers for individuals and leagues

Shooting Range

Just to the East of Chandler is the Highway 31 Shooting Range, a privately owned NRA registered shooting range available with memberships.