

## Bulloch County Parks & Rec Timeline

- 1948** Statesboro Recreation Department created with the hiring of Max Lockwood as first director
- 1955** Statesboro City Council appoints seven-member board to make all executive decisions for Rec Dept.
- 1966** Ralph Turner hired as director
- 1967** Lonice Barrett hired as director
- 1970** Tom Browne hired as director
- 1971** Board increased from seven to nine members
- 1976** Frank Hook hired as director
- 1979** Ron Nix hired as director
- 1986** Mike Rollins hired as director
- 1989** Bulloch County voters approve SPLOST referendum, with \$3.2 million designated for parks and rec
- 1990** First master plan approved with decision to construct regional park
- 1991** County purchases 160 acres on Highway 24 for regional park
- 1992** Mill Creek Regional Park opens at annual Independence Day Celebration
- 1993** Bulloch County voters approve SPLOST referendum, with \$1.5 million designated for rec projects
- 1997** SPLOST referendum passes, designating \$2 million for recreation  
  
Department receives \$500,000 grant to construct senior citizens center, opened to public in October 1999
- 1999** Stillwell Street changed to Max Lockwood Drive, dedication held Oct. 31, 1999
- 2001** Greenspace plan approved

2002 SPLOST referendum passes, designating \$7 million for recreation

2003 Splash in the Boro groundbreaking, Oct. 28, 2003

2004 Splash in the Boro grand opening, June 12, 2004

2007 Fletcher house and park donated

2010 Jones Love building constructed

Brooklet soccer field constructed

2010 Gentilly Trail Head and S&S greenway to Cawana Rd. completed

2011 Tennis Center opens at Mill Creek Park

2012 Pretoria Rushing Trailhead and S&S greenway to Cawana Rd. completed

2015 27-hole disc golf course added

2017 Second Splash expansion

2018 Exercise equipment at Mill Creek gets upgrades and additions

Bulloch County Ag Complex opens

2020 Stilson playground gets upgrade

Eddie Canon hired as director

2021 Portal tennis/basketball court resurfaced

2022 Pickleball courts constructed at Sue Oertley courts

2023 Fletcher house and park gets upgrades

New LED lighting installed at Mill Creek