

Hobble Creek Pickleball Complex



BOISE PICKLEBALL COURTS

5-YEAR MANAGEMENT PLAN



THE GROWTH OF PICKLEBALL

The sport of pickleball has quickly risen in popularity, with nearly 20 million players nationwide as of 2024 – that’s a 21% increase from 2020. (NRPA, 2025)

Boise Parks and Recreation has provided pickleball play opportunities for over a decade.



Dual Use Courts at
Terry Day Park

WHAT THAT MEANS FOR BOISE'S PARKS

This growth in popularity created unprecedented demand for dedicated public pickleball courts in municipalities. Boise responded by working to provide a variety of pickleball play opportunities.

- Sought funding to convert existing courts or build new pickleball complexes without significantly disrupting opportunities for tennis play.
- Planning for placement of pickleball courts involves many considerations:
 - ✓ Park use & location planning
 - ✓ Funding availability
 - ✓ Community engagement

BACKGROUND OF PICKLEBALL EXPANSION IN BOISE

Boise Parks and Recreation has made efforts over the last decade to increase opportunities for pickleball.

Pickleball lines were added for dual-use (tennis and pickleball play are both possible) at six parks starting in 2013



Lines for indoor pickleball were also added in the gym at Fort Boise Community Center in 2019



In 2020, a 12-court dedicated pickleball complex opened at Hobble Creek Park



In partnership with the Boise School District, an additional 42 bring-your-own-net court locations are now available at junior highs in Boise



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PICKLEBALL COURT CONVERSION LITIGATION

- The courts at Willow Lane Park and Manitou Park were converted from tennis to dedicated pickleball courts in 2018 to meet growing demand for the sport
- The conversion led to litigation due to persistent noise concerns and proximity to residents
- The City of Boise chose to settle the lawsuit this fall and converted the 12 pickleball courts back to tennis only

5-YEAR COURT MANAGEMENT PLAN

With the closure of the 12 dedicated pickleball courts located at Willow Lane and Manitou Parks, and in addition to the continued desire for additional pickleball play opportunities, our team is now presenting recommendations for next steps through a five-year management plan (fiscal years 2027 – 2031).



Eagle Rock Park Dedicated Pickleball Courts

5-YEAR COURT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Overall Goal:

To expand and enhance pickleball opportunities in the City of Boise by strategically siting pickleball courts that meet community demand, support equitable access to recreation, and minimize potential impacts to surrounding neighbors.



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COURT MANAGEMENT PLAN TASKS

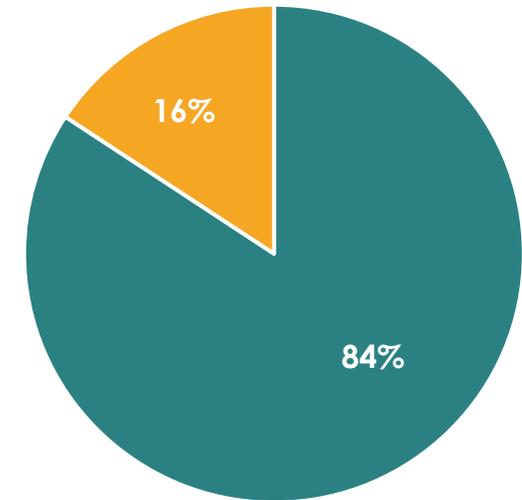
- ✓ Develop a list of recommendations for added pickleball play opportunities
- ✓ Recommend future funding
- ✓ Identify best management practices to mitigate noise impacts to community members, neighbors
- ✓ Conduct an online survey to engage players and park users and obtain actionable feedback
- ✓ Seek partner or grant funding to bridge the funding gap and accelerate pickleball court development
- ✓ Continue to collaborate with the Boise School District to ensure courts remain open to the public

CURRENT COURT INVENTORY AT BOISE'S PARKS

Boise Parks and Recreation manages 75 tennis courts + 14 dedicated pickleball courts (89 courts total)

- The 14 dedicated pickleball courts make up 16% of the total racket court availability in Boise's park system
- 30% of tennis courts include shared pickleball play opportunities
- If considering dual-use **and** pickleball-only opportunities, 40% of **total courts** are available for pickleball play

Current Dedicated Courts in Boise

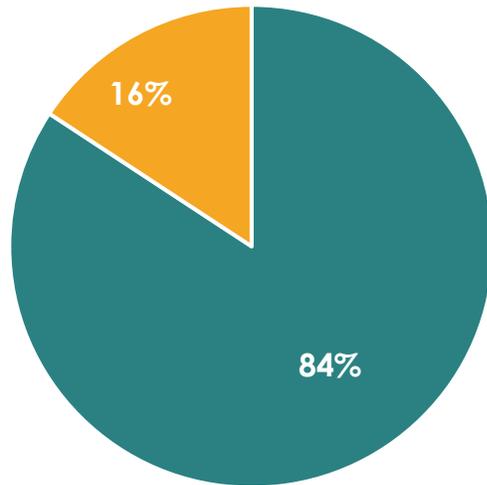


- 75 Tennis Courts
- 14 Pickleball Courts

OUR GOAL FOR 2027:

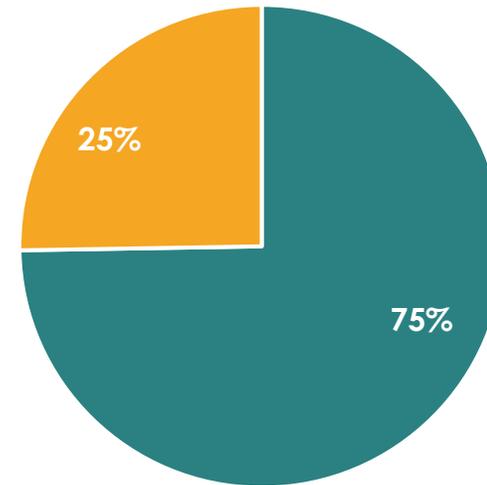
At least 25% of the city's outdoor racket courts should be **dedicated pickleball courts** in 2027.

Current Dedicated Courts in Boise



■ Tennis Courts ■ Pickleball Courts

Goal for 2027

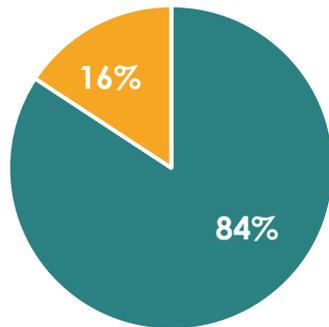


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OUR GOAL FOR 2028-2031:

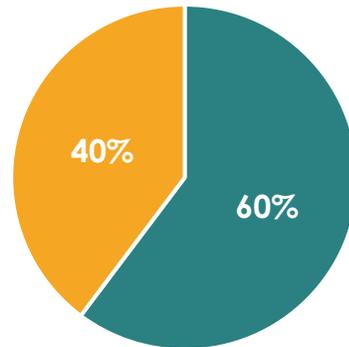
Maintain a minimum of 25% of courts are dedicated pickleball, work toward **40% dedicated pickleball courts**.

Current Dedicated Courts in Boise



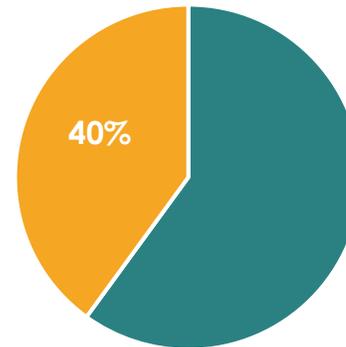
- Tennis Courts
- Pickleball Courts

Goal by 2031

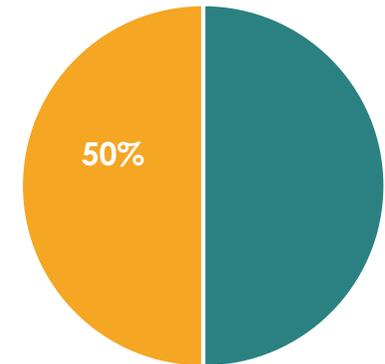


Ensure at least **50% of total racket courts offer pickleball play** (dedicated or shared use).

Current Dual-Use Courts in Boise



Goal by 2031





HOW WE'LL GET THERE

The department estimates it should look to add **34 dedicated pickleball courts** to meet demand, increasing the percentage of pickleball-only courts within the park system to **40%** of total courts available by 2031.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE PICKLEBALL COURTS

Pickleball court siting is determined by:

- Ambient noise levels
- Park size and other park uses
- Noise mitigation options
- Residential uses
- Funding availability

We continue to evaluate standards and best practices from national resources.



IDENTIFIED FUTURE COURT OPPORTUNITIES

Potential Conversions:

Park planners & recreation managers identified **two** park sites that could be suitable for converting existing or planned tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts based on current court usage, distance from homes, and other siting considerations.

- Owyhee Park (12 courts)
- Optimist Youth Sports Complex (6 courts)

Future Opportunities:

Additionally, **two** park master plans already include pickleball-only courts or present an opportunity to modify planned amenities.

- Alta Harris Park (12 courts)
- Molenaar Park (4 courts)



OWYHEE PARK

- **Tennis:** 4 courts
- **Pickleball:** 0 courts
- **Recommendation:** Convert 4 tennis courts to 12 dedicated pickleball courts

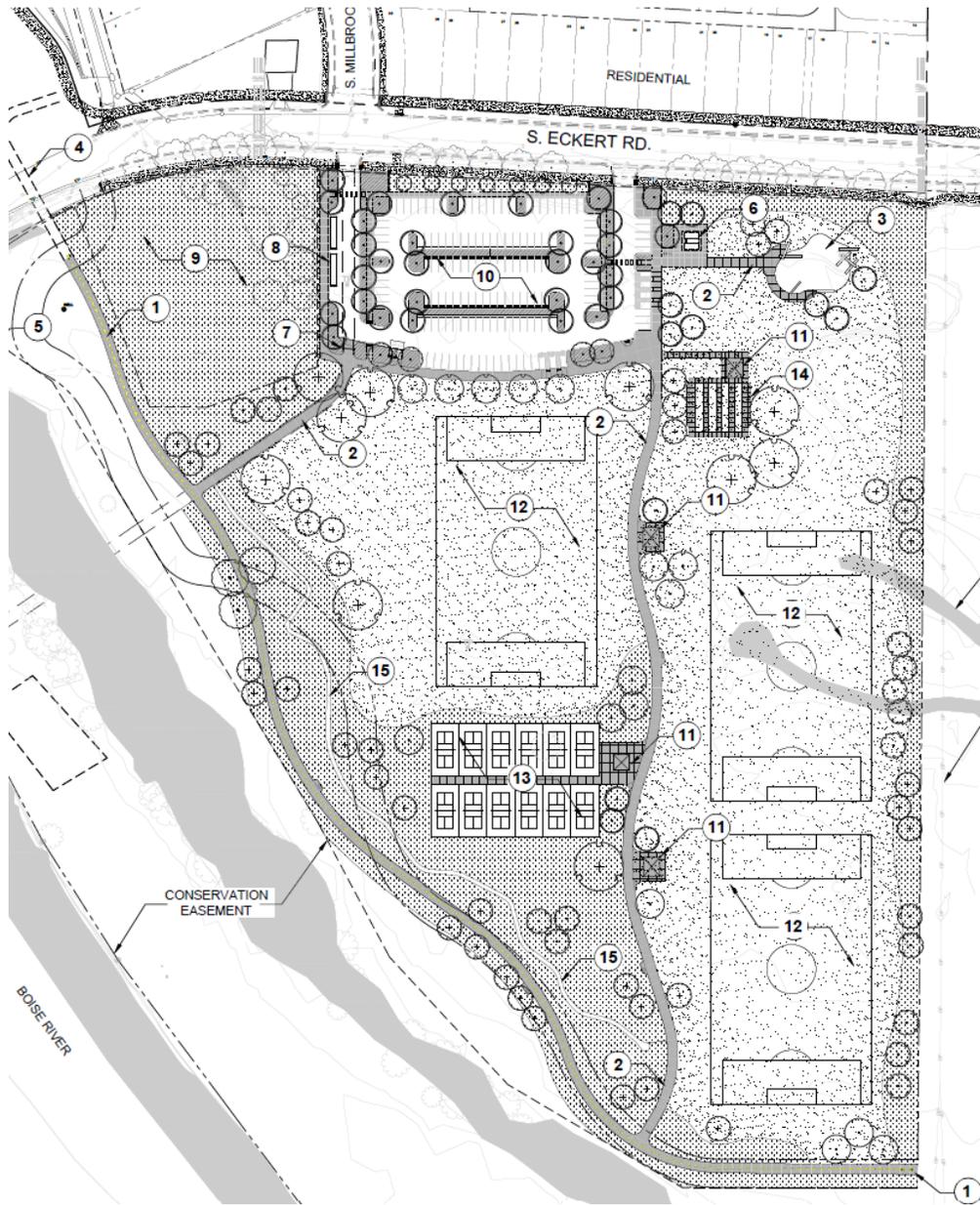
The conversion to 12 pickleball courts would increase the total percentage of pickleball courts to 26% of total park courts, reaching the department's 2027 goal.



OPTIMIST YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX

- **Tennis:** 1 court (2 courts in park master plan)
- **Pickleball:** 2 bring-your-own-net courts
- **Recommendation:** Convert existing tennis court to 2 pickleball courts and modify master plan to call for 4 additional dedicated pickleball courts

The conversion and park master plan revision would add 6 dedicated pickleball courts to the city's inventory.



ALTA HARRIS PARK

- **Master Plan tennis:** 0 courts
- **Master Plan pickleball:** 12 courts
- **Recommendation:** No recommended change; site work is being conducted to determine location of the courts on the property to meet updated department criteria



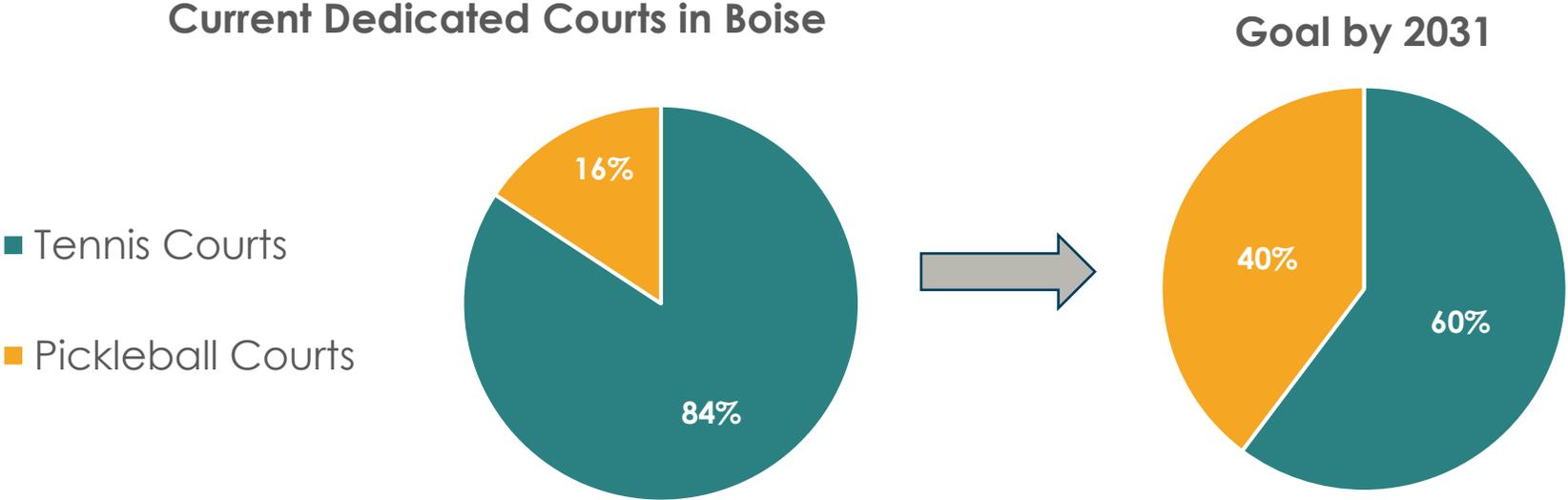
MOLENAAR PARK

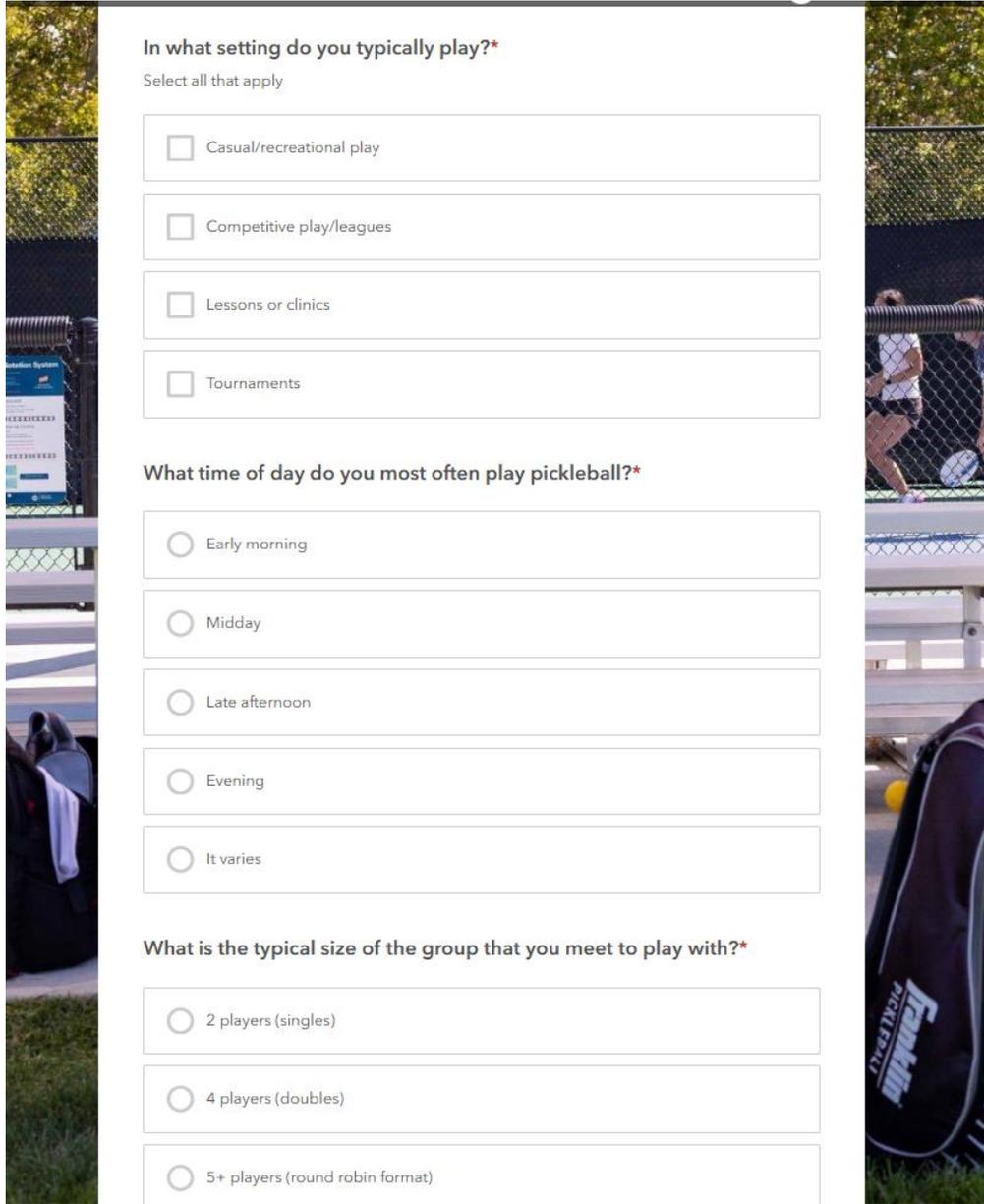
- **Master Plan tennis:** 2 courts
- **Master Plan pickleball:** 0 courts
- **Recommendation:** Modify master plan to call for 4 dedicated pickleball courts instead of 2 tennis courts

The park master plan revision would add 4 dedicated pickleball courts to the city's inventory.

REACHING OUR GOAL

- If these identified opportunities were adopted & developed, the city would add **34 dedicated pickleball courts** to its inventory (and lose 5 existing tennis courts)
- This would result in dedicated pickleball courts making up 40% of total court availability, meeting our five-year goal
 - Furthermore, nearly 60% of total racket courts would offer pickleball play (dedicated or shared), surpassing our 5-year goal of 50%





In what setting do you typically play?*
Select all that apply

Casual/recreational play

Competitive play/leagues

Lessons or clinics

Tournaments

What time of day do you most often play pickleball?*

Early morning

Midday

Late afternoon

Evening

It varies

What is the typical size of the group that you meet to play with?*

2 players (singles)

4 players (doubles)

5+ players (round robin format)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

An online survey will seek feedback from community members while gathering a baseline for current play/use in parks.

- The survey will gather park and player demographics, player habits, court location suggestions, and general feedback
- The survey will be open for a one-month period (December 1st – 31st) to gather feedback from Boise residents
- **Process note:** Any modifications to a park master plan for court conversion or construction would require an additional community engagement process and public hearing.



NEXT STEPS...

Following today's presentation to the Boise Parks and Recreation Commission:

- The online survey will launch Dec. 1.
- Staff will then review the survey results, and a summary of the findings will be shared publicly.
- Any court recommendations identified through this process could be programmed for 2027 through 2031 (dependent on budget approval).

| Questions?