#### **Parks**



### The Buchanan Town Park

The park may be used for activities such as biking, walking, running, boating, hiking, and fishing.

The Buchanan Town Park was established in 1903 by a dedicated group of volunteers known as the Village Improvement Society. The organization acquired all of the property and laid out a park consisting of playground equipment, basketball courts, tennis courts and other amenities then donated the park to the Town. Today the Buchanan Town Park consists of 7 acres featuring an outdoor basketball court, children's playground equipment, a boat ramp maintained by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF), a greenway along the James River, the Buchanan Bicentennial Gazebo, picnic tables and concession stands. The site is a popular starting point and ending point for canoeing and kayaking on the Upper James River Blueway as well as fishing from its banks. The Picnic Pavilions are available for use on a first come, first serve basis, or, may be reserved by contacting the Buchanan Town Hall at (540) 254-1212. If you wish to reserve a pavilion, please contact the Buchanan Town Hall to verify the availability of pavilions then use the following form 2022 Buchanan-Park-Pavilion-RENTAL.

## **Buchanan Elementary School**

consists of 11 acres with one large baseball/softball field with lights. This field is enclosed with fence and contains covered dugouts with concrete floors and a scoreboard. One large soccer field with lights surrounded by 1/5 mile paved walking track. One small t-ball field with fencing, covered dugouts with concrete floors. Concession stand with restrooms and a small picnic pavilion with tables. Two batting cages, one outdoor basketball court, fitness course, playground equipment for 12 and under.

### **Buchanan Park**

is 9 acres owned by Botetourt County and located adjacent to the Buchanan Elementary School. The site consists of 9 acres with one small baseball/softball field with lights. The field is enclosed with fence and contains covered dugouts with concrete floors and a scoreboard. The site also contains one intermediate soccer field and two tennis courts with lights and a  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile paved outdoor track.

## **James River High School**

consist of 32.5 acres with one large baseball/softball field with lights and dugouts. One softball field with lights and dugouts, one multi-purpose practice field with ¼ mile paved track. One football/soccer stadium with lights and irrigation system. Two batting cages, concession stand, restrooms and press box.

#### **Limestone Park**

The park is a private park consisting of 5 acres that featuring camping, river access, tennis and pickleball courts, playground, pavilion and a swimming pool. Membership is required for use of the pool. For additional information please call 540 - 254 - 2033; limestoneparkministries [at] gmail.com (email) or, visit their website.

# **Natural Bridge State Park**

Once owned by Thomas Jefferson, the Natural Bridge State Park is the newest Virginia State Park. Just 14 miles north of Buchanan traveling on US Route 11, Natural Bridge, the Park's main attraction is "one of the seven natural wonders of the world." The park is open daily from 8 a.m.-dusk, weather permitting. The main floor of the Visitor Center is open daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Trail Store is open daily 8 a.m.-dusk. Base Camp in the downstairs area of the Visitor Center is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday-Sunday and Holiday Mondays. 6477 South Lee Highway, Natural Bridge, VA 24578; Phone: 540-291-1326; naturalbridge [at] dcr.virginia.gov (Email).