

ACCESSIBILITY AUDIT

Fairview County Parks

parks.fairview.example

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STANDARD

WCAG 2.2 Level AA

PAGES AUDITED

8

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FINDINGS

8

DOES NOT MEET WCAG 2.2 LEVEL AA

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SAMPLE REPORT

The organization, people, and findings in this report are fictional.

Summary

STATUS

Does not meet WCAG 2.2 Level AA

We audited eight key pages of parks.fairview.example against WCAG 2.2 Level AA, testing by keyboard, with screen readers, at 400% zoom, and with automated scans.

We found 8 barriers, including 1 critical. The site has a solid foundation: one H1 per page, a working skip link, clear landmarks, and a declared page language. The most serious problem is the facility reservation calendar, which can't be used without a mouse. That locks keyboard and screen reader users out of booking a shelter or field entirely. Unlabeled form fields and low-contrast buttons affect the rest of the registration path.

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◆ CRITICAL

3

◆ HIGH

3

◆ MEDIUM

1

◆ LOW

WHAT'S WORKING

- Every page has a single H1 and a logical heading outline.
- A working skip link and clear header, main, and footer landmarks.
- Page language is declared, and page titles are unique and descriptive.
- Text reflows cleanly at 400% zoom on content pages.

FIX FIRST

- Reservation calendar can't be used with a keyboard
◆ CRITICAL **FCP-001**
- Registration form fields use placeholder text instead of labels
◆ HIGH **FCP-002**
- Primary buttons and form hints fall below contrast minimums
◆ HIGH **FCP-003**

Scope and method

PAGES AUDITED

PAGE	ADDRESS
Homepage	<code>parks.fairview.example/</code>
Programs	<code>parks.fairview.example/programs/</code>
Program detail: Youth Swim	<code>parks.fairview.example/programs/youth-swim/</code>
Program registration	<code>parks.fairview.example/programs/youth-swim/register/</code>
Facility reservations	<code>parks.fairview.example/reserve/</code>
Park finder	<code>parks.fairview.example/parks/</code>
Park detail: Riverside Trail	<code>parks.fairview.example/parks/riverside-trail/</code>
Contact	<code>parks.fairview.example/contact/</code>

HOW WE TESTED

KEYBOARD TESTING

Tab order, focus visibility, and operability of every interactive element, with no mouse.

SCREEN READERS

VoiceOver on macOS and iOS, JAWS and NVDA on Windows, covering announcements, landmarks, headings, forms, and dynamic updates.

ZOOM AND REFLOW

Pages at 200% and 400% zoom, and at a 320px viewport, checking for lost content or two-way scrolling.

COLOR CONTRAST

Text and interface components measured against the 4.5:1 and 3:1 thresholds.

CODE INSPECTION

Chrome DevTools and the accessibility tree to confirm names, roles, states, and structure.

AUTOMATED SCANS

axe-core on every page, with each result confirmed by hand. Automated tools catch only a fraction of real issues.

Findings

CRITICAL 1 finding

FCP-001

CRITICAL

WCAG 2.1.1 Keyboard

WCAG 4.1.2 Name, Role, Value

Reservation calendar can't be used with a keyboard

AFFECTED PAGES

/reserve/

WHAT WE FOUND

The date picker on the facility reservation page is built from `div` elements with click handlers. None of the dates can receive keyboard focus, and the calendar has no roles or names, so screen readers announce nothing useful. Because a date is required to continue, keyboard and screen reader users cannot book a facility at all.

EVIDENCE

```
Keyboard: Tab from "Select a facility"
Focus moves straight to "Continue" (skips the calendar)
"Continue" announces: "Please choose a date"

DevTools, calendar day cell:
<div class="cal-day" onclick="pickDate(14)">14</div>
role: (none)  tabindex: (none)  accessible name: "14"

VoiceOver: "14, group" (no date, month, or availability)
```

IMPACT ON USERS

Anyone who relies on a keyboard, switch device, or screen reader is blocked from reserving a picnic shelter, field, or room. There is no alternative path on the page.

HOW TO FIX

- Rebuild the calendar as a grid using the WAI-ARIA date picker dialog pattern, or use a native `<input type="date">`.
- Make each available date a `<button>` with a full name, such as "Saturday, November 14, available".
- Support arrow keys between dates, and move focus back to the date field when the picker closes.
- Until it's fixed, add a visible phone and email option for booking next to the calendar.

AUTOMATED CHECK

Not flagged by axe-core. Found in manual keyboard testing.

HIGH 3 findings

FCP-002

HIGH

WCAG 1.3.1 Info and Relationships

WCAG 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions

Registration form fields use placeholder text instead of labels

AFFECTED PAGES

/programs/youth-swim/register/, /contact/

WHAT WE FOUND

Form fields on the registration and contact forms rely on placeholder text such as "Child's first name" and have no `<label>`. The placeholder disappears as soon as someone types, and several screen readers don't announce it consistently. Required fields are marked only with a red asterisk.

EVIDENCE

```
DevTools, registration form:
<input type="text" placeholder="Child's first name" required>
<input type="date" placeholder="Date of birth">
accessible name: (none) on 9 of 12 fields

NVDA: "edit, required, blank"
```

IMPACT ON USERS

Screen reader users hear "edit, blank" with no idea what to enter. People with memory or attention disabilities lose the prompt as soon as they start typing.

HOW TO FIX

- Give every field a visible `<label>` tied to it with `for` and `id`.
- Mark required fields in the label text ("First name, required"), not by color or symbol alone.
- Keep placeholders for examples only, such as a date format.

AUTOMATED CHECK

axe-core: label (fail, 9 fields)

FCP-003

HIGH

WCAG 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)

Primary buttons and form hints fall below contrast minimums

AFFECTED PAGES

All pages

WHAT WE FOUND

The site's main call-to-action buttons use white text on a light green background, and form hint text uses a pale gray. Both fall well below the 4.5:1 minimum for normal-size text.

EVIDENCE

Measured contrast:

"Register now" button	#FFFFFF on #7FBF6A	2.2:1	(needs 4.5:1)
Form hint text	#A8A8A8 on #FFFFFF	2.4:1	(needs 4.5:1)
Footer links	#8C9A84 on #1E2A1C	5.0:1	(passes)

IMPACT ON USERS

People with low vision or color blindness, and anyone reading on a phone outdoors, may not be able to read the buttons that start every registration.

HOW TO FIX

- Darken the button background to at least #3D7A2E (5.2:1 with white text), or use dark text on the current green.
- Darken hint text to at least #767676 on white (4.5:1).

AUTOMATED CHECK

axe-core: color-contrast (fail, all pages)

FCP-004

HIGH

WCAG 1.1.1 Non-text Content

Trail map has no text alternative

AFFECTED PAGES

/parks/riverside-trail/

WHAT WE FOUND

Trail distances, surface types, and accessible entrances appear only inside the trail map image. The image has `alt="map"`, and the same details aren't available anywhere else on the page.

EVIDENCE

```
DevTools:  

```

```
Information only in the image:  
Loop distances (1.2 mi, 3.4 mi)  
Paved vs. gravel sections  
Accessible parking and entrance locations
```

IMPACT ON USERS

Blind and low-vision visitors can't learn which sections are paved or where the accessible entrance is, which is exactly the information they need to plan a visit.

HOW TO FIX

- Add a short alt text that names the map, such as "Riverside Trail map".
- Publish the trail details as text on the page: a short list or table of loops, distances, surfaces, and accessible entrances.

AUTOMATED CHECK

Not flagged by axe-core (alt text is present). Found in manual review.

FCP-005

MEDIUM

WCAG 2.4.7 Focus Visible

Focus outline removed from the main navigation

AFFECTED PAGES

All pages

WHAT WE FOUND

The site stylesheet sets `outline: none` on navigation links with no replacement style, so keyboard users can't see where they are in the main menu. Focus is visible elsewhere on the page.

EVIDENCE

Stylesheet:

```
.site-nav a:focus { outline: none; }
```

Keyboard: 7 menu links receive focus with no visible change

IMPACT ON USERS

Keyboard users lose their place in the menu on every page and have to guess which link will open.

HOW TO FIX

- Remove the `outline: none` rule, or replace it with a visible `:focus-visible` style, such as a 2px outline with an offset.
- Check that the focus style has at least 3:1 contrast against the header background.

AUTOMATED CHECK

Not flagged by axe-core. Found in manual keyboard testing.

FCP-006

MEDIUM

WCAG 4.1.3 Status Messages

Search results and form errors aren't announced

AFFECTED PAGES

/parks/, /programs/youth-swim/register/

WHAT WE FOUND

When someone filters the park finder, the results update without a page load, but nothing tells screen reader users the list changed. Form errors on the registration page appear visually at the top of the form without moving focus or being announced.

EVIDENCE

Park finder, after choosing "Playgrounds":

Visible: "12 parks found"

VoiceOver: (silent)

Registration, submit with empty fields:

Visible: red error summary above the form

NVDA: (silent, focus stays on Submit)

IMPACT ON USERS

Screen reader users don't know their filter worked or why the form didn't submit.

HOW TO FIX

- Wrap the results count in a `role="status"` region so changes are announced.
- On a failed submit, move focus to the error summary, and link each error to its field.

AUTOMATED CHECK

Not flagged by axe-core. Found in screen reader testing.

FCP-007

MEDIUM

WCAG 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)

Repeated "Learn more" links with no context

AFFECTED PAGES

/programs/

WHAT WE FOUND

The programs page lists 18 programs, each with a link reading "Learn more". Out of context, as in a screen reader's list of links, they are indistinguishable.

EVIDENCE

```
NVDA links list, /programs/:  
  Learn more  
  Learn more  
  Learn more  
  ... (18 identical entries)
```

IMPACT ON USERS

Screen reader users scanning the links list can't tell which program each link opens.

HOW TO FIX

- Make the program name the link, or extend the link text, such as "Learn more about Youth Swim".
- Visually hidden text can add the program name while keeping the current design.

AUTOMATED CHECK

Not flagged by axe-core. Found in manual review.

LOW 1 finding

FCP-008

LOW

WCAG 2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum)

Social media icons are smaller than the minimum target size

AFFECTED PAGES

All pages (footer)

WHAT WE FOUND

The footer social icons are 18 by 18 pixels with 4 pixels between them, below the 24 by 24 pixel minimum added in WCAG 2.2.

EVIDENCE

```
Footer social links:  
Facebook    18 x 18px  
Instagram   18 x 18px   (4px apart)  
YouTube     18 x 18px
```

IMPACT ON USERS

People with tremors or limited dexterity, and many people on phones, may tap the wrong icon.

HOW TO FIX

- Increase each link's tappable area to at least 24 by 24 pixels with padding, or space the icons further apart.

AUTOMATED CHECK

axe-core: target-size (fail, footer)

Remediation priority

Every finding in the order we'd fix them. Each criterion links to the W3C's explanation of it.

ID	ISSUE	WCAG	PAGES	SEVERITY
FCP-001	Reservation calendar can't be used with a keyboard	2.1.1 , 4.1.2	/reserve/	◆ CRITICAL
FCP-002	Registration form fields use placeholder text instead of labels	1.3.1 , 3.3.2	/programs/youth-swim/register/, /contact/	◆ HIGH
FCP-003	Primary buttons and form hints fall below contrast minimums	14.3	All pages	◆ HIGH
FCP-004	Trail map has no text alternative	11.1	/parks/riverside-trail/	◆ HIGH
FCP-005	Focus outline removed from the main navigation	2.4.7	All pages	◆ MEDIUM
FCP-006	Search results and form errors aren't announced	4.1.3	/parks/, /programs/youth-swim/register/	◆ MEDIUM
FCP-007	Repeated "Learn more" links with no context	2.4.4	/programs/	◆ MEDIUM
FCP-008	Social media icons are smaller than the minimum target size	2.5.8	All pages (footer)	◆ LOW

Appendix: how to read this report

SEVERITY

◆ CRITICAL	Blocks people from completing a core task. Fix immediately.
◆ HIGH	Makes a core task very difficult, or keeps some people from important content. Fix soon.
◆ MEDIUM	Causes confusion or extra effort. Plan to fix.
◆ LOW	Minor friction for some people. Fix when convenient.

About the standard. The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) are published by the W3C. Level AA is the level most accessibility laws and policies point to. We test to whichever version and level you need to meet.

About automated checks. Automated tools catch only a fraction of accessibility issues. Every finding here was confirmed by hand, and many were found only through manual and screen reader testing.