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Disability Inclusion Guide





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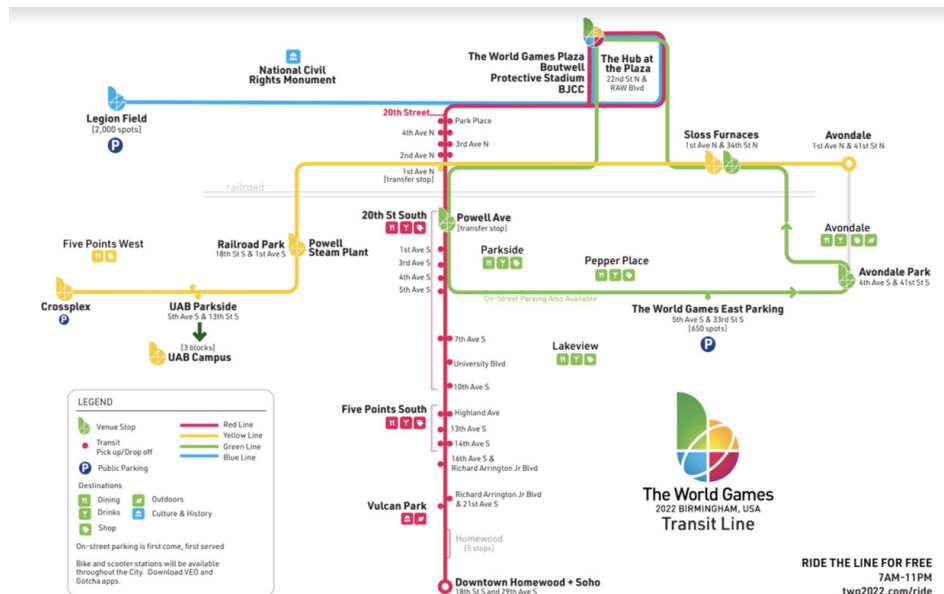
The information in this guide describes the accessibility of The World Games venues. Some of the venue features that were assessed include parking, path of travel, on-site accessibility (including restrooms, lighting, and wayfinding signage), and nearby attractions. This guide may be helpful in making your World Games 2022 plans.

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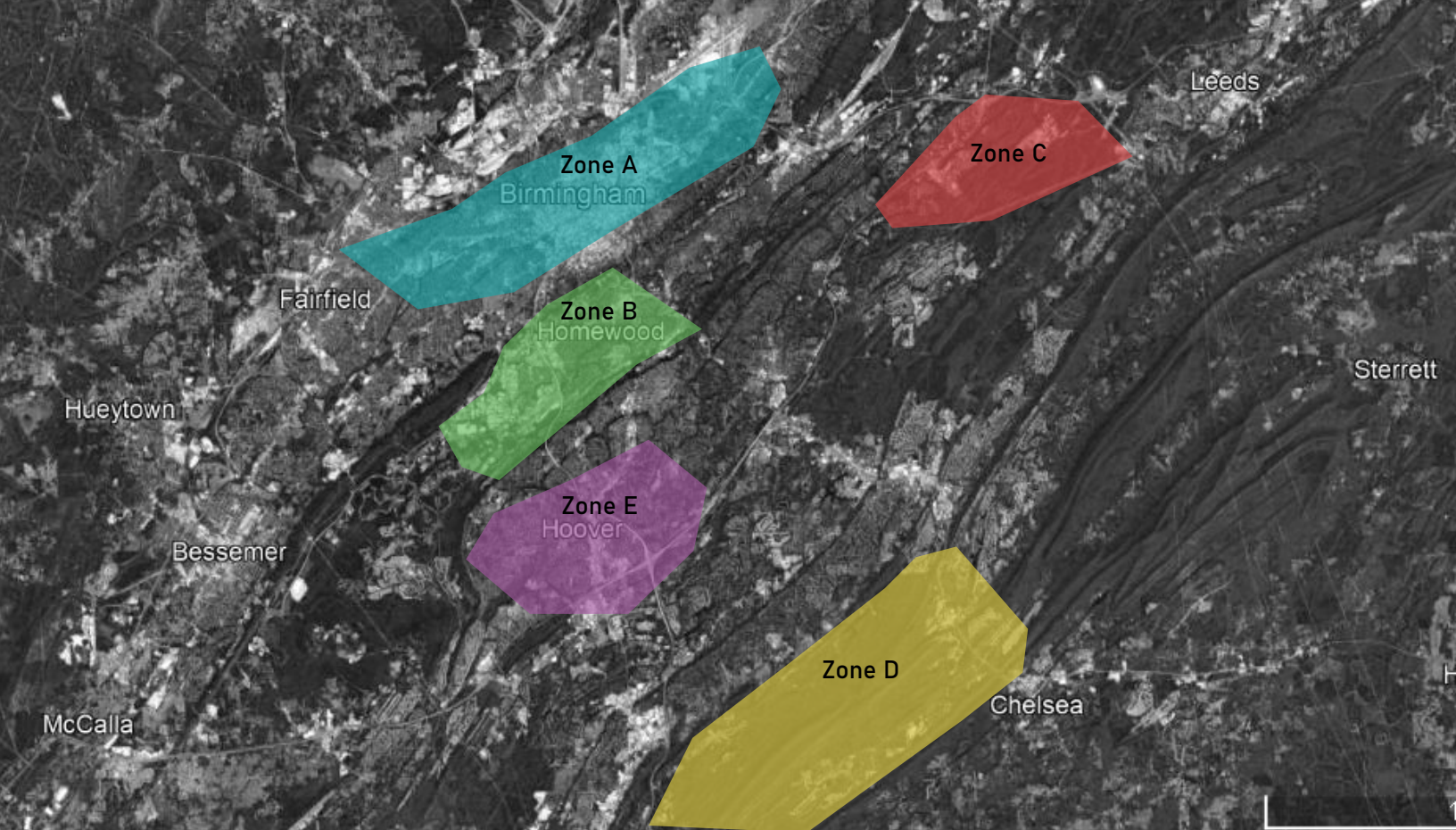
This guide serves as general information regarding accessibility. It is based on information provided by each World Games 2022 venue and site visits from May 23 - June 20, 2022. The amount of detail available and access to each site varied, and may be reflected in this guide. The onsite reviews do not constitute compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other accessibility laws. If you have specific concerns or questions, you may wish to contact the venue directly or call an inclusion specialist at 1-800-900-8086. Please note that the parking and Ride The Line accessibility may change.

Transportation

Ride The Line is a free and accessible transit system that will be featured during The World Games 2022. It can be used from 7 a.m.-11 p.m. to/from most of the event venues. To see detailed information regarding where you want to go, parking, and how to get there, please visit www.twg2022.com/ride and <https://www.birminghamal.gov/bhamready> for additional information.



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Zone A: Downtown

Avondale Park

Sports: Archery

Getting to the Venue

- Avondale Park is on the Ride The Line green route.
- Avondale has complete sidewalks with curb cuts; however, there are no audio signals or tactile bumps on curb cuts. The park and neighborhood are well lit for the day and night.



Venue Accessibility

- Entry to the park is flat and smooth for all users.
- The park has a limited amount of public restrooms, and the accessibility of the restrooms is unknown. There are also plenty of cafes and restaurants in the area with accessible public restrooms.
- There are several benches and places to rest throughout the park.
- Avondale Park and neighborhood have many tall, shady trees. You can also head to a cafe nearby to cool off with an iced coffee or other beverage.

Hungry? Want a drink? Check out these places near Avondale Park.

- Luna Latin Cuisine
- Ferus on 41st
- Melt
- Avondale Brewery
- Saturn
- Cookie Dough Magic
- Avondale Common House
- Big Spoon Creamery

Birmingham Crossplex

Sports: Artistic Roller Skating, Inline Hockey, Canoe Polo, Finswimming, Lifesaving, Low Point Wheelchair Rugby



Getting to the Venue

- Birmingham Crossplex is on the Ride The Line yellow route.
- There is ample parking and accessible parking at the venue.
- The sidewalks are complete with appropriate curb cuts and tactile bumps. Be careful crossing the street as there are no audio signals. There is good lighting for evening events.

Venue Accessibility

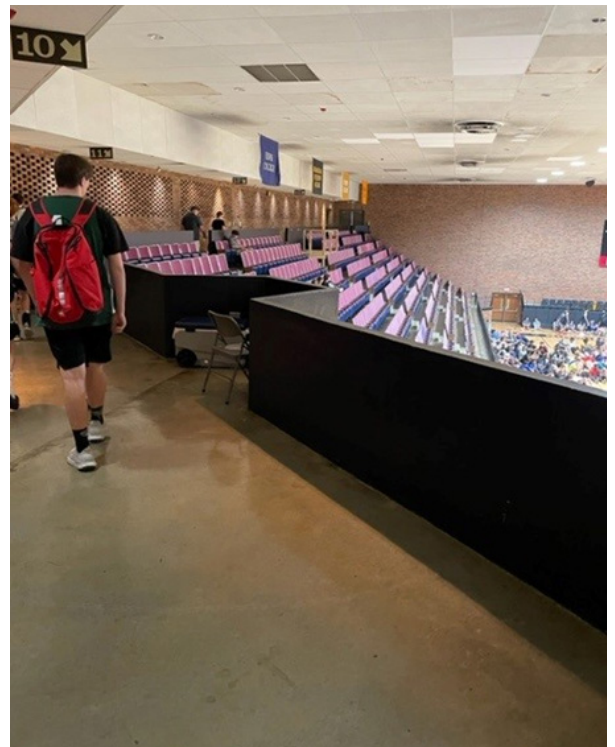
- The Crossplex has accessible restrooms with stalls and a family restroom. Braille is on the doors, and doors require minimal force to open. Stalls have grab bars, and the bathrooms have reachable sinks.
- There is an elevator available if you wish to go to the second floor.
- There are multiple accessible seating options.
- A concession stand will be available.

Birmingham Southern College

Sports: Ju-Jitsu, Karate, Wushu, Fistball, Orienteering (Sprint)

Getting to the Venue

- Birmingham Southern College is not on the Ride The Line route and requires driving/ridesharing.
- There are two designated accessible parking spaces near Bill Battle Coliseum and one near the soccer field.
- You will enter Bill Battle Coliseum at the upper level where some of the accessible seats are. For courtside access, you will have to use the nearby elevator.
- Getting to the Coliseum should have few to no barriers. There may be more obstacles accessing the soccer and intramural fields, the venue for fistball.



Venue Accessibility

- Bill Battle Coliseum has limited accessible seating for viewing.
- While the restrooms have accessible stalls, they may prove to be a little difficult to navigate. There is only one baby changing station provided, and washing your hands may prove to be difficult with the out-of-reach paper towels and high sinks.
- The soccer field has very minimal shade and one restroom available. It is rather small for accessibility.
- Concessions and food trucks will be available.

Boutwell

Sports: Kickboxing, Muaythai, Sumo

Getting to the Venue

- Boutwell is on the Ride The Line red, green, and blue bus routes.
- There are limited barriers getting to the venue; however, there are no audio signals for crossing the street.

Venue Accessibility

- Boutwell's main entrance is accessible, but the ramp leading to the seats is very steep and spectators may require further assistance.
- Bathrooms are accessible and easy to identify.
- The concession stands are 40 inches in height and are on the same level as the accessible seating.

Attractions Nearby

- Birmingham Museum of Art
- Linn Park
- BJCC



BJCC (North & East Halls)

Sports: Bowling

Getting to the Venue

- BJCC is on the Ride The Line red, green, and blue bus routes.
- There are smooth and barrier-free sidewalks including curb cuts with tactile bumps and audio signals.
- If you are trying to get to events at the North and East Halls, you will have to go outside. There is a wide, partially shaded walkway that connects one entrance to the other.

Venue Accessibility

- Doors have working automatic push pads and are at least 36 inches wide with low threshold.
- Bathrooms in the North Hall are not fully accessible. The accessible stall may be too narrow and



shallow for some wheelchair users, especially power chair users.

- None of the North Hall (bowling venue) emergency exits lead out to an accessible area. The accessible emergency exit is the main entrance.

BJCC Concert Hall

Sports: Powerlifting

Getting to the Venue

- BJCC is on the Ride The Line red, green, and blue bus routes.
- Adjacent to the North and East Halls, this venue is easily accessed by the drop off point closest to the East Hall. Going through the partially shaded courtyard will give you access to the concert hall.
- The closest accessible parking will be on the opposite side of the BJCC from the Ride The Line drop off point.
- There are appropriate curb cuts and ample sidewalk space. The path to the Concert Hall is made of bricks and may be bumpy for someone who uses a wheelchair or mobility device.

Venue Accessibility

- When entering, there are automatic push pads to get into the venue.
- Concession stand options will be available.
- For tickets in the upper tier, you will notice an elevator towards the back of the auditorium (you enter through the side and are directed toward the back). If you're wanting to get up close and personal, there are ADA seats provided behind the orchestra pit. You can access them via the ramps provided on both sides from the back of the auditorium.
- There are men's and women's restrooms on both sides with at least one accessible stall available.

Legacy Arena

Sports: DanceSport, Gymnastics

Getting to the Venue

- Legacy Arena is on the Ride The Line red, blue, and green bus routes.
- There are multiple accessible entrances to the venue. You may access the venue from the BJCC Plaza or at the corner of 19th Street North and 9th Ave. North.
- Both entrances have accessible ramps that are partially shaded.



Venue Accessibility

- Getting into the facility is smooth with no barriers via the ramps.
- The bathrooms are easy to find and clearly labeled with visual signs and Braille labels.
- In addition to men's and women's restrooms, there are family restrooms available.

Legion Field

Sports: Flag Football

Getting to the Venue

- Legion Field is on the Ride The Line blue route.
- Parking at the venue is in soft gravel with a concrete track around the perimeter of the stadium.
- There are accessible curb cuts at the front entrance of the stadium, but spectators must go into road (driveway) to get to will call and the front gates because of steps.
- The surface area from the parking lot to the track around the gates is soft gravel and may be difficult to navigate.
- Enter through the South Gate (main gate) for the accessible entry and proximity to accessible seating.
- If you are going up to the suites via elevator, you will need to go to the Gate 1 area.

Venue Accessibility

- Ramps and stadium steps will take you to your seat.
- Accessible seating is located nearest to the South Gate (accessible gate) with a ramp leading up to it.
- While the bathrooms have doors on them, many of them are propped open during event times. There are many bathrooms with multiple accessible stalls. There are no family restrooms available.



Powell Steam Plant

Sports: Speed Skating

Getting to the Venue

- Powell Steam Plant is on the Ride The Line yellow route.
- This venue is directly beside Railroad Park.

Venue Accessibility

- There will be accessible portable bathrooms available.
- There will be food trucks with accessible accommodations nearby the venue.
- There is little shade at this venue.
- While the bleachers are not wheelchair accessible, there will be a clearly marked ADA viewing area.



Protective Stadium

Sports: Flag Football

Getting to the Venue

- Protective Stadium is on the Ride The Line red, green, and blue routes.
- Ride The Line will drop you off near The World Games Sports Garden, so there will be about a two-block commute along accessible sidewalks to the entry gates.
- There are limited barriers to the venue with three entrance gates, including one accessible entrance.
- There is ample smooth sidewalk space and curb cuts.

Venue Accessibility

- The elevator to suites and the main concourse is on west side of stadium.
- A long ramp to the main concourse is on the southeast side of the stadium.
- There are multiple accessible bathrooms, including family restrooms, throughout the main concourse and lower level.
- Concession stands have a low surface for accessibility.



Railroad Park

Sports: Duathlon, Orienteering – Sprint Relay

Getting to the Venue

- Railroad Park is on the Ride The Line yellow route.
- This venue is directly beside Powell Steam Plant.
- The path along Railroad Park can be busy but it includes complete sidewalks. You will find curb cuts with tactile bumps and well-lit streets.



Venue Accessibility

- Railroad Park has been thoughtfully designed for all users.
- The restrooms include doors that open with minimal force, accessible stalls with grab bars, and signs that include Braille.
- Throughout the park you will find large, smooth pathways with plenty of benches.
- The East Gate entrance is accessible to enter from the Ride the Line stop. You can also travel on the path along 1st Ave S and enter the venue.
- Be careful near the skate park as the skating area is not clearly marked.

Attractions Nearby

- Check out a Birmingham Barons baseball game after The World Games events at Regions Field across the street. They will be playing the Tennessee Smokies July 4-10 and Montgomery Biscuits July 12-17.
- Relax with some yummy food and drinks nearby at Red Cat, Good People Brewing, Tortugas, Hero Donuts, or Ted's.

Sheraton Ballroom

Sports: Billiards

Getting to the Venue

- The Sheraton Ballroom is located on the Ride The Line red, green, and blue routes.
- You can also access this venue quickly from Protective Stadium, BJCC Event Halls, Uptown, and the Sports Garden.
- The sidewalks to the entrance include both



- pavements where the middle part of the sidewalk is brick and the outer edges are smooth concrete.
- There are appropriate curb cuts with tactile bumps stationed in well-lit areas.

Venue Accessibility

- There is ample accessible seating.
- There are elevators, steps, and escalators for ease of travel to the ballroom.
- The bathrooms are near the Ball Room and have one accessible stall for users. There is also a changing station in both the men's and women's bathroom.

Sloss Furnaces

Sports: DanceSport (Breaking), Beach Handball, Sport Climbing, Parkour

Getting to the Venue

- Sloss Furnaces is located on the Ride the Line green and yellow routes.
- Sidewalk pavement is broken in many areas and curb cuts do not meet ADA accessibility standards.

Venue Accessibility

- The entrance on 32nd street (closest from parking lots) goes over railroad tracks and may be difficult if using a wheelchair or other mobility device. View the picture for reference.
- There are several portable accessible restroom options. The stall is wide enough for a wheelchair user (approximately 60" wide 56" deep) and has grab bars.
- DanceSport - Breaking is hosted under an open-air space with shade, and some of the venue events are hosted under the 1st Ave viaduct.
- While parts of the site have broken pavement and minimal shade, you should be able to maneuver to your desired spot.



Hungry? Want a drink? Check out these places near Sloss!

- Back Forty Brewery is across the street and has a variety of food and drinks. It is also dog friendly.
- Take the Rotary Trail to Pepper Place and enjoy the markets, shops, and restaurants.

UAB PNC Field

Sports: Lacrosse

Getting to the Venue

- UAB PNC Field is on the Ride the Line yellow bus route but may drop off three blocks away from venue.
- There is little shade unless you are sitting in an area where a tent is provided.

Venue Accessibility

- Accessible seating is located on opposite side of field from the main entrance.

UAB Track & Field Facilities

Sports: Tug of War

Getting to the Venue

- UAB Track & Field is on the Ride The Line yellow bus route but may drop off three blocks away from venue.
- The entrance is accessible with no barriers.

Venue Accessibility

- There are accessible restrooms as well as a family and an all-gender restroom.
- There is no shade at the venue.

UAB Rec Center

Sports: Racquetball, Squash

Getting to the Venue

- UAB Rec Center is on the Ride the Line yellow bus route but may drop off three blocks away from venue.
- The sidewalks are accessible with acceptable curb cuts with tactile bumps. There are no audio signals but plenty of lighting to the Rec Center.
- One side of the Rec Center entrance has steps, and the other side has a long ramp with handrails.

Venue Accessibility

- Upon entering the facility, there are two accessible restrooms with Braille signage to the right. Doors are grip-free and may be opened with minimal force. Accessible stalls are spacious with grab bars. Sink is easy to reach; however, the towel dispenser requires a two-hand pull. There are similar accessible restrooms located closer to the event sites.
- There are elevators at the entrance of the venue.
- Due to the gym set up, there is limited elevated seating for accessible viewing.

Attractions Near Downtown Birmingham:

Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
The Vulcan Park and Museum
McWane Science Center
Birmingham Art Museum
City Walk
Birmingham Zoo
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Rainbow Tunnel (along Railroad Park)
Rotary Trail
Lyric Theater
Alabama Theater
Top Golf
Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
Pizitz Plaza
Pepper Place Market

Zone B: Homewood

John Carroll Catholic High School

Sport: Flying Disc

Getting to the Venue

- John Carroll Catholic High School is not on the Ride The Line and will require driving/carpooling.
- The public bus stop is located outside of campus at the bottom of a steep hill and is very difficult to walk or push up to the venue. It is approximately a 10-minute journey to the stadium if walking or pushing from the main gate.
- There are eight accessible parking spots and no van accessible spaces.



Venue Accessibility

- Once on campus, there is a smooth, flat entrance from the parking lot to the stadium, restrooms, and concessions. All access points are fully paved.
- Both men's and women's restrooms are accessible. The women's bathroom could be propped open for easy movement in and out, but the men's door will have to remain closed. There is one accessible stall in each bathroom.
- There are concessions on a smooth path and there may also be food trucks.
- There are two accessible seating options. The front row of the stadium bleachers could allow you to easily transfer onto the bleacher seat if desired or on the asphalt track that is at field level.
- There is limited or no shade at the venue.

Attractions Nearby

- Birmingham Zoo
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- Homewood Central Park
- Patriot Park
- Vulcan Park
- Lakeshore Foundation

Hungry? Try a local Homewood restaurant.

- Taco Mama
- Ruby Sunshine
- O'Henry's Coffee
- DeVinci's Pizza

Zone C: Irondale

Barber Motorsports Park

Sports: Air Sports

Getting to the Venue

- Barber Motorsports Park is not on the Ride the Line and will require driving/carpooling.

Venue Accessibility

- Accessible bathrooms are available throughout the venue. They may be portable in some areas.
- Food trucks and concessions will be available with tables.

Attractions Nearby

- Before heading on the road, stop by world famous Bass Pro Shop or Buc-ee's.
- The Outlet Shops of Grand River is a great place to stop nearby to do some shopping.



Zone D: Pelham

Oak Mountain State Park

Sports: Canoe Marathon, Waterski & Wakeboard, Orienteering (Middle Distance)

Getting to the Venue

- Oak Mountain State Park is not on the Ride The Line and will require driving/carpooling.
- There is plenty of ADA accessible sidewalk space without barriers.
- Curb cuts are provided, but it is unclear if they have tactile bumps.
- There are several accessible parking spots available and the possibility of a few more available closer to the fan/spectator area.

Venue Accessibility

- There are clearly marked accessible bathrooms throughout the park.

Attractions Nearby

- There are scenic trails, bike routes, and more throughout the park.
- About 3 miles from the front gate, there are restaurants and breweries.

Hungry?

- Pelham Diner
- Chick-fil-A
- Oak Mountain Brewing Company
- 2 Pesos Cantina
- Full Moon BBQ
- Cracker Barrel

Zone E: Hoover

Hoover Met

Sport: Softball

Getting to the Venue

- The Hoover Met is not on the Ride The Line and will require driving/carpooling.
- There is ample accessible parking.
- While there are no sidewalks, there is a lot of space to move around and get to the gate.
- The entrance has no door, minimal slope threshold, and no steps. The gates will be wide open and easily accessible.

Venue Accessibility

- There are two options for accessible seating. There are reserved accessible seats on the main level. If you would like to transfer to a stadium seat but remain in an accessible environment, you may go to the first seat at each section of the main level, and there is space available.
- Each restroom has two accessible stalls, but there are no family restrooms available.

Attractions Nearby

- Brock's Gap Brewery
- Hoover Explore Playground and Splash Pad
- Stadium Trace Village
- The Galleria

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