

CASTLEWOOD PARK

PARK HISTORY

In the 1880s, the Pacific Railroad Company advertised lots for sale in the resort community of Castlewood. This became one of many resort communities along the Meramec River used by St. Louis residents during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, taking advantage of the good rail access.

This park is situated west of Castlewood State Park and is not associated with it. The one half acre play lot was purchased and developed in 1977, using funds allocated by the Department of Human Resources through the Community Development Block Grant Fund. All play facilities were removed in the late 80's due to unsafe conditions.

Between 1978 and 1985, 16 acres west of the Castlewood play lot, consisting numerous small lots acquired through tax sales by the County Trustee, were assembled and transferred to County Parks. This 16-acre land banked site is also known as Castlewood Park. Due to the isolated nature and small size, this acreage was sold in 2002 for \$270,000. As authorized by County ordinance, the proceeds from this land sale are earmarked for future land acquisitions along the Meramec River Greenway.