

PUBLIC TENNIS COURTS

20+ locations within 20 minutes of Towson, MD

The trick to finding free outdoor tennis courts in your area (no matter where you live) is to Google map it, or Bing map it. Go to www.google.com or www.bing.com and hit "maps."

It's easy to spot the tennis courts. Paste in a street address with zipcode, then hit "satellite" view (aerial photograph). If you want an incredible closeup photo, try "bird's eye view" on Bing.com maps instead of Google.

You can see where the courts are but it won't tell you what kind of shape they are in. Elementary and middle schools are typically in the worst condition (and therefore the best for lessons), but don't go during the day M-F or they'll think you're a drug smuggler.

The only way to get a good reading on which courts are in what kind of shape, and when they are available, is to go there on the day and time you are thinking about playing, and make some notes. These notes are from May-June 2011. If you find additional courts you'd like to add to the list, or updated notes on court status and availability, shoot me an e-mail.

For lessons, clinics, free tips, round robins, game arranging, etc, go to my website.

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Bosley

10535 York Road, Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

2 courts/wooden backboard/no lights
behind retirement center

If you are coming up I-83 from Towson, take the Warren Rd exit past just Padonia. It will take you right over to York Rd. Turn left and go 100 yards north to Bosley on your right. These courts are great during the week, but busy as heck on Sat & Sun mornings.

Calvert Hall HS

Calvert Hall has 4 great courts but they're locked. Try this:

One block east at 1502 Glen Keith Boulevard, Parkville, MD

There are 3 decent looking community courts and a sport court.

Google map that address and you'll see them. 5/14/11

Carroll Manor School

4434 Carroll Manor Road, Baldwin, MD 21013

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

3 courts/no lights/way out in the boondocks

***Cockeysville MS**

10401 Greenside Drive, Cockeysville, MD 21030

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

3 courts/separate wall/no lights

avoid: school hrs (M-F until 4pm)

County Home Park (Cockeysville Library)

9841 Greenside Dr, Cockeysville, MD 210930

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 courts/lites/tough to get a court in prime times/windy

check: Balto Tennis Patrons schedule

(they'll e-mail it to you if you ask them)

Dulaney HS

255 East Padonia Rd, Timonium, MD 21093

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 lighted courts/wall on ct 2

avoid: school hrs and after-school hrs

best for evenings and weekends

Dumbarton MS

300 Dumbarton Rd, Baltimore, MD 21212

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

3 courts/no lights

avoid: school hours plus Balto Tennis Patrons

Forge Park (Rodgers Forge)

301 Schwartz Av, Balto., MD 21212

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or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"s*

It's off York Road on the street that runs between Wells Liquors and the Giant. There are two tennis courts with nets. Surface is in pretty good shape. It's within walking distance of folks in Rodgers Forge, Anneslie and Cedarcroft.

Harford Hills Elementary School (Parkville)

8902 Old Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"s*

2 courts/no lights/avoid: school hrs

Hereford HS

17301 York Road, Parkton, MD 21120

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 lighted courts plus an isolated court with a backboard

last time I was there they were in good shape

If you are coming up I-83 from Towson, or down from PA,
get off at Mt Carmel Rd, go east to York Rd and turn left.

You'll pass the Hereford Driving Range on your left;
the school is just a little further on your right

Jacksonville ES ("JAX")

Jacksonville Elementary School, Phoenix, Maryland

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

2 courts/no lights/avoid school hrs and after-school hrs

1 block south of where Paper Mill/Sweet Air (145) meets Jarrettsville Pike (146)

Loch Raven HS

1212 Cowpens Ave, Baltimore, MD

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 courts/no lights/concrete wall in basketball area

avoid school hrs and after-school hrs

Loyola HS

500 Chestnut Ave, Towson, Maryland 21204

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 courts/no lights

avoid: school hrs and after-school hrs

usually good on the weekends

Notre Dame College

4701 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

4 courts/no lights

avoid: school hrs and after-school hrs

usually good on the weekends

(great view on Bing.com "birds eye" view)

Notre Dame Prep

815 Hampton Ln, Baltimore, MD 21286

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

6 courts/no lights

avoid: school hrs and after-school hrs

usually good on the weekends

little bit of a hike from the parking lot

Parkville HS

2600 Putty Hill Ave, Baltimore, MD

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

4 lighted courts/good nets/lot of construction 5/14/11

avoid: school hrs (M-F until 6pm) Sat & Sun great

Pikesville HS

7621 Labyrinth Rd, Baltimore, MD 21208

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

4 lighted courts/not in the greatest of shape

but lites maybe 24-7

avoid: school hrs and after-school hrs

best: eves and weekends

Pine Grove Middle School (Parkville)

9200 Old Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21234

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

3 courts/avoid: school hrs (Sat & Sun are great)

Great separate fenced in area with concrete wall for tennis and lacrosse.

To get to Pine Grove MS, take the Beltway to Perring Parkway north. It dead-ends at Joppa.

Go right (that's east) 1 mile to Old Harford Rd and turn left. School is 1 mile up on your left.

The first school you see as you turn onto Old Harford is Harford Hills Elementary_kinda dumpy. _5/14/11

Pinewood ES

200 Rickswood Rd, Lutherville, MD 210903

copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"

2 court/lights /avoid: school hrs

Riderwood ES

1711 Landrake Road, Towson, MD 21204

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
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2 courts/no lights_I seem to recall a wall behind the school
out of sight.

Ridgely MS

121 Ridgely Road, Lutherville, MD 21093

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

3 courts/no lights/separate fenced in area with concrete backboard
large field with lacrosse goals galore_5/14/11
avoid: school hrs

Seminary Park

Seminary Park, 1400 Burton Ave, Lutherville, MD 21093

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

2 lighted courts/great condition (traffic noise)
lights visible from Beltway & I-83 tricky to get to

St Timothy's School

8400 Greenspring Ave, Stevenson, MD 21153

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

1 mi north of Beltway/2 courts/no lights
avoid school hrs/ say "tennis courts" to guard

Towson HS

69 Cedar Ave, Towson, MD 21204

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

6 courts/lights/two-sided wall/avoid school hrs

Villa Julie College

1525 Greenspring Valley Road, Stevenson, MD 21153

*copy & paste above address into Google.com maps/satellite view
or Bing.com maps "birds eye view"*

4 courts/no lights
avoid school hrs/try eves & weekends

Poly-Western HS

4600 Falls Road Baltimore, MD 21209-4915

Looking good/lots of new courts/wall
Some courts locked, some open