What is a parklet?

Also known as pop-up parks, parklets convert on-street parking spaces into temporary people places in support of a friendly environment for people biking and walking. They create attractive public spaces for eating, reading, listening to piano music, or meeting a friend.

Who partners to create parklets?

Parklets are made possible by the partnership of Missoula Parking Commission (MPC), Missoula In Motion (MIM), and the business / organization hosting the parklet. MPC approves and donates the parking space, and coordinates reserving the spot on the specified day. MIM recruits and supports parklet hosts. The business / organization designs and creates the space, and is responsible for finding materials and furniture for the space.

Who can host a parklet?

Any business or organization. Parklets typically occur on First Fridays, and within MPC jurisdiction. If your business / organization falls outside of that area, you may request another business to “host” or partner with you. To sign up, fill out the online form at www.missoulainmotion.com/parklets

Who maintains the parklets?

The host business / organization is responsible for setting up, tearing down, and checking on the parklet space.

Who can visit a parklet?

Anyone. Parklets are open to the public and, as such, should be designed as an inclusive and welcoming space.

Are there any rules for parklets?

Since parklets are intended to be a neutral and comfortable space for all, there can’t be any smoking or consumption of alcohol. Soliciting, fundraising, and sales are also not allowed. Parklets are also not allowed on angled parking spots.
Elements for Success

Ground Plane Treatment

- Astro turf
- Carpet
- Chalk
- Brick

Furniture

- Tables / chairs
- Collapsible lawn furniture
- Wooden benches
- Bean bags
- Pillows / blankets

Landscaping / Vertical Boundary

- Potted plants
- Flowers / hanging baskets
- Mesh screening
- Rope / ribbon
- Outdoor string lights

What You Can Expect

- Missoula In Motion (MIM) will get in touch with Missoula Parking Commission (MPC) for approval of the parking space.
- You, the parklet host, can start brainstorming your perfect parklet space. Visit www.missoulainmotion.com/parklets for photos of years past. The parklet can be interactive, or just a place to rest. You can also contact MIM staff to discuss ideas.
- MIM will promote the upcoming parklets on social media. Feel free to promote the parklets on your own pages as well!
- The day of the parklet, MPC will block off the parking space around 7 a.m.
- We ask that parklets are set up by ~10AM to take advantage of the daylight, and because the parking space is a donation from MPC. We also ask the parklets are cleaned up by 8PM.
- The parklet doesn’t necessarily need to be staffed the entire time, but someone should keep an eye out and make sure your parklet items don’t run off.
- MIM staff will check in to take a few photos, and pick up the MPC traffic cones. Please keep the cones in a safe place until they’re picked up; they’re expensive to replace.
Photo Examples

Parklets In Missoula:

- Montana Book Festival, hosted by Montgomery Distillery (2018)
- Putt-putt golf, hosted by MUD and Upcycled (2018)
- Fact & Fiction (2016)
- Near Blaque Owl Tattoo and The Green Light (2014)

Parklets In Other Cities: