

GARGOYLE PARK DISC GOLF

2026 End-of-Year Activity Report | Olean, New York

Report Overview

This report summarizes key disc golf activity at Gargoyl Park during the 2026 season, including major events, course use, and potential local economic benefits. Attendance figures are drawn from Twin Tiers Disc Golf Club (TTDGC) record keeping and UDisc reporting reviewed by the club. Event attendance reflects the figures compiled for each event; course-play statistics are identified separately.

Major Events and Participation

Wednesday Night League | 22 weeks

Average attendance: 42 players per week. Running from April 15 through September 9, Wednesday Night League provided a regular weekly gathering for competition and community. Across 22 weeks, the league sustained activity at the park throughout the spring and summer.

Skrewpapalooza 2026 | June 6

Attendance: 64 players. This amateur tournament brought players together for a full day of competition, with player-pack, food, awards, and sponsor elements supporting the event experience.

Dad's & Drives 2 | June 13

Attendance: 36 players. This cancer-awareness and charity-focused event paired disc golf with community fundraising and helped connect recreational participation with a broader cause.

The 2026 Gargoyl Classic | September 12

Attendance: 104 players. The club's flagship tournament drew the largest field among the major events highlighted in this report, with competition across divisions and two rounds of play.

Local Economic Impact: Illustrative Estimates

Disc golf events can bring spending to Olean through meals, fuel, shopping, lodging, and other purchases by visiting players and their companions. The estimates below illustrate how visitor spending could add up; they are scenarios, not audited totals or a claim that this spending was measured at the events.

Example spending scenarios for a single event: 25 visiting players spending \$50 locally would represent \$1,250 in spending; 50 visitors spending \$100 would represent \$5,000; and 75 visitors spending \$150 would represent \$11,250.

These examples exclude local residents, spectators, volunteers, and other park users. They also do not subtract spending that would have occurred locally anyway. A stronger impact estimate could be developed by documenting how many participants travel from outside the area, how many stay overnight, and their typical local expenditures.

Course Reputation and Statewide Use

Gargoyl Park is an established disc golf destination in Western New York, with a highly rated 18-hole course and a substantial record of play on UDisc. Its standing is reflected not only in player ratings, but also in how frequently it is played compared with courses around New York State.

September 2026: UDisc monthly reports recorded **661 plays** at Gargoyl Park, making it the **6th most-played course in New York State** that month. The club's review of UDisc monthly reports indicates that Gargoyl Park consistently ranks among New York's top ten courses by play count.

This level of use points to the course's value as a public recreation asset: it provides regular outdoor activity for residents, attracts visiting players, supports community gatherings, and gives Olean a recognizable destination within the regional disc golf scene.

