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Moscow Parks Get Ready for the Summer Season

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Moscow's Sokolniki park

This Friday, on the first day of May, the long-awaited summer officially starts in Moscow's parks. Gorky Park will be opening its newly restored main entrance, with a viewpoint and museum where many documents relating to the park's history will be on display, The Village website reported. In June, the park's modern art gallery Garage will be moving from its current location to a brand new bigger building just next door designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas.

One of the main differences between summer and winter in the parks is the number of outdoor cinemas on offer. This year the Hermitage Garden, Sokolniki and Krasnaya Presnya will all be showing a variety of films.

Another uniting trend is the vast amount of sports facilities that are now at people's disposal. Krasnaya Presnya's wide range of activities includes a skate park, a football pitch and a table

tennis area, while Bauman Garden boasts the first outdoor trampoline park in Moscow, the website reported.

Park Pobedy is also opening two new sports squares. The park is kicking the summer off in style, with an opening party taking on the theme of "retro." Highlights will include a concert of 50s hits, fashion photography and well-known Soviet cars.

Enjoy the parks in their summer dress while you can — the ice rinks will be back soon.

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