

Mauritius Sports Facilities: A Citable Map Snapshot

OpenStreetMap discovery data and public aquatic-access references

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1 Purpose and citation standard

This report explains what Sporting Warehouse.mu's live sports-facility map can, and cannot, establish. It is designed for responsible use in marketing, media, policy discussion and community outreach.

The central rule is simple: **a mapped feature is not automatically a public-access facility**. The map is a discovery inventory drawn from OpenStreetMap records. It must not be used as a count of operating venues, available lanes, public admission, local participation or regional provision unless those facts are supported by a separate authoritative source.

1.1 Citation-ready statement

> As at 19 August 2026, Sporting Warehouse.mu's OpenStreetMap-derived Mauritius facility snapshot contains 918 mapped sports features, including 404 features classified in its swimming lane. This is a map-feature count, not a count of public swimming facilities. Public-access information should be checked against the relevant operator or authority. [1] [2] [3]

2 Current map snapshot

The current database contains 918 records across seven populated activity lanes. These figures are reproducible from the Sporting Warehouse facility database after its scheduled OpenStreetMap refresh. They should be cited as a dated **map snapshot**, not as a national census of sporting infrastructure.

Activity lane	Mapped features	Interpretation
Swimming	404	Broad tagged-feature inventory; not a public-pool count.
Football	220	Mapped football-ground features; not a participation or capacity measure.
Tennis	202	Mapped tennis features in the current OpenStreetMap snapshot.
Gym and fitness	47	Features classified through fitness-related map tags.
Adventure	26	Features classified through selected outdoor-sport tags.
Running	15	Mapped running or athletics-related features.
Hiking	4	Mapped hiking-route features.

OpenStreetMap is community-maintained. Records can be added, changed, merged or removed as mapping improves; cite both the source and the snapshot date.

3 Swimming: resolving the apparent contradiction

The number 404 and the public-access reference below measure different things.

3.1 The map measure

The map classifies a record in the swimming lane when it carries a relevant OpenStreetMap tag, including swimming-pool, swimming-area or swimming-sport tags. The current query excludes records explicitly tagged private, but it still includes records with no access tag and records tagged for customers. This is useful for discovery and data-gap work, but not for confirming public admission.

Swimming-record tag in the snapshot	Count	What can be concluded
No access tag	338	Access cannot be inferred from the OpenStreetMap record.
Access for customers	47	The feature is tagged for customers rather than unrestricted public access.
Access private	6	Explicitly private in the database from a prior refresh.
Access yes	3	Explicitly open in the map record; still not a guarantee of current operation or admission terms.

The present snapshot cannot support region-by-region swimming-provision claims. Of the 404 swimming-lane records, 399 do not carry a usable region tag in the Sporting Warehouse database. A boundary-based geocoding method would be required before comparing districts or localities.

3.2 Public-access reference

The Mauritius Sports Council lists five swimming-pool facilities in its official facility navigation: Serge Alfred in Beau Bassin, Pavillon in Quatre Bornes, Rivière du Rempart, Souvenir in Calebasses, and Mare D'Albert. [1]

Côte d'Or National Sports Complex is a separate aquatic complex. Its official membership page publishes pool single-visit prices, pool memberships, swim lessons, competition-pool hours and warm-up-pool hours. [2] It is therefore appropriate to describe it as an additional visitor-access aquatic complex, while avoiding the imprecise statement that Mauritius has only six individual public pools.

3.3 Approved wording for public use

> The Mauritius Sports Council lists five swimming-pool facilities in its own network, while Côte d'Or publishes separate pool single-visit and membership terms. Sporting Warehouse maps 404 OpenStreetMap-tagged swimming features, but this broad mapping inventory is not a public-access count. [1] [2] [3]

4 Methodology and limitations

Sporting Warehouse queries OpenStreetMap through the Overpass API across a Mauritius bounding box. The ingestion process collects selected facilities and routes, then normalises qualifying records into activity lanes. Source data are provided by OpenStreetMap contributors under the Open Database License. [3]

The current query searches selected tags for pitches, sports centres, fitness centres, tracks, non-private mapped swimming pools, sport-tagged features, and hiking, mountain-bike and bicycle routes. The

classifier assigns these records to lanes such as swimming, football and tennis. It does not apply a quality score, visitor survey, commercial ranking, access audit or capacity estimate.

The data should not be used to infer whether a facility is open today, public, affordable, safe, staffed, bookable or suitable for a particular user. It should also not be used to claim that a locality is underserved, because most swimming records do not contain a usable region tag and the map may be incomplete.

For a public-access claim, use the operator's current information. For a map-discovery claim, cite OpenStreetMap and state the snapshot date. For a government-network claim, cite the Mauritius Sports Council page directly.

5 Citable references

- [1] Mauritius Sports Council. **Facilities: Swimming Pools.** mauritiusportscouncil.govmu.org. Accessed 19 August 2026.
- [2] Côte d'Or National Sports Complex. **Memberships, single visits and swim lessons.** cotedorsports.mu. Accessed 19 August 2026.
- [3] OpenStreetMap contributors. **Copyright and licence.** openstreetmap.org. Accessed 19 August 2026.

6 Recommended use

Use the facility map to help people discover what has been mapped, identify data gaps, and invite operators to improve their public details. Before publishing a claim about scarcity, access, safety, pricing or regional inequality, collect a dedicated operator or authority dataset that supports that specific claim.