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PARKS &
OPEN SPACE
SUMMARY

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PARKS

ALMA PARK



Location: California Blvd at Botelho Dr

Acreage: 2

Created: 2003

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: Nestled between Ivy Hill Apartments and the Regent on the Park Condos. The site was purchased by the City in the 1980s and developed into a park for the City by Ivy Hill developer. Alma Park is a passive park that features rolling lawn, benches, decorative arbors, and an impressive view of Mount Diablo.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 3 Individual (non-reservable)

Parking: Street

Other: Dogs must be on leash

ARBOLADO PARK



Location: Arbolado Dr at Doncaster Dr

Acreage: 26.5

Created: 1993

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: Large park contains barbeque pits and picnic tables; connection to walking trails and a 6.7 acre walnut grove. (NOTE: organized groups must have a permit to use the 6 acres of fields).



AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 10 Individual (non-reservable)

Playgrounds: 2-5 yr old; 5-12 yr old

Sports: 2 Soccer Fields
2 Basketball Courts
3 Tennis Courts

Parking: 160 Spaces

Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women

Other: Dogs must be on leash



PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Basketball
Soccer
Tennis

CASTLE ROCK SPORTS FIELDS



Location: 800 Hutchinson Rd near Walnut Ave

Acreage: 6

Created: 2003

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: Six-acres of playing fields with concession/bathroom bldg. adjacent to Northgate High School and Montessori School. Shared use agreement with the Mt. Diablo Unified School District allows for use of the parking lot during non-school hours.

AMENITIES

Sports: 2 Baseball Fields
2 Soccer Fields
4 Tennis Courts

Parking: 53 Spaces

Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women

Other: Dogs must be on leash

PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Baseball
Soccer
Tennis

CIVIC PARK



Location: 1313 Civic Dr

Acreage: 16.7

Created: 1975

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: A multi-dimensional park serving the needs of a wide variety of user groups with native plant/butterfly habitat garden, connection to the Iron Horse Trail, entrance to the Creek Walk. Community Center with seniors' programs, gazebo, Civic Arts Studios, Park Place and Assembly Hall all programmed through ARCS. Home to the Bufano Hand of Peace.

AMENITIES

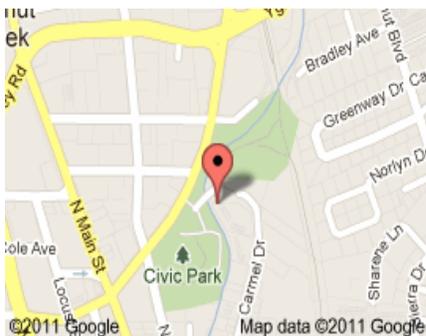
Picnic Area: 1 Group (non-reservable)

Playgrounds: 2-5 yr old; 5-12 yr old

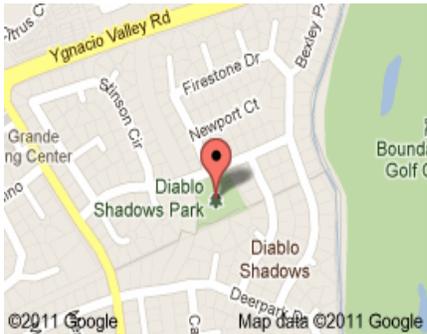
Parking: 136 Spaces

Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women

Other: Dogs must be on leash



DIABLO SHADOWS PARK



Location:	3205 Diablo Shadows Dr
Acreage:	2.5
Created:	1981
Hours:	Open dawn to dusk
Description:	Neighborhood park with picnic tables, barbeques, tot-lot, two-acres of lawn area and 0.2 acres of undeveloped area with connection to walking trails.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area:	1 Group; 2 Individual (non-reservable)
Playgrounds:	5-12 yr old
Parking:	Street
Other:	Dogs must be on leash

EL DIVISADERO PARK



Location: El Divisadero Dr east of San Carlos Dr

Acreage: 3

Created: 1985

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: Three-acre neighborhood park located in residential area behind John Muir Medical Center. Park built in 1985 features a Jr. Soccer field sized turf area.



AMENITIES

Sports: 1 Soccer Field

Parking: 30 Spaces

Other: Dogs must be on leash

PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Soccer

HEATHER FARM PARK



Location: 301 North San Carlos Dr.
Acreage: 102
Created: 1972
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Classified between a community park and regional park. Bike paths, tot-lots, fishing pond, connection to the Iron Horse Trail, Garden Center.



AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 2 Group; 21 Individual – Group picnic areas available for reservation, seating up to 104
Playgrounds: All-Abilities
Sports: 5 Baseball/Softball Fields
 1.5 Basketball Courts
 2 Soccer Fields
 10.5 Tennis Courts
 2 Volleyball Courts
Parking: 792 Spaces
Restrooms: 12 Men; 12 Women
Other: 1 Off-Leash Dog Park
 1 Skate Park (available for reservation)
 1 Community Center
 1 Equestrian Center
 1 Swim Center, including three pools
 1 Pond
 1 Nature Lake
 1 Par Course
 1 Garden Center
 1 Nature Area



PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Aquatics
 Baseball
 Basketball
 Soccer
 Tennis
 Volleyball



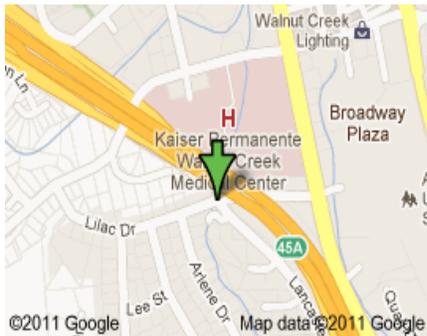
LANCASTER PARK



Location: Lancaster Rd at Lilac Dr
Acreage: 1
Created: 2007
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Passive park with no amenities.

AMENITIES

Parking: Street
Other: Dogs must be on leash



LARKEY PARK



Location: Buena Vista Ave at First Ave
Acreage: 13
Created: 1967
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Connection to walking trails with open turf area. Larkey Park is also home to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum and the Walnut Creek Model Railroad Society.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 2 Group; 1 Individual – Group picnic areas available for reservation, seating up to 96
Playgrounds: 2-5 yr old; 5-12 yr old
Sports: 1 Basketball Court
4 Tennis Courts
2 Volleyball Courts
1 Swimming Pool
Parking: 31 Spaces
Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women
Other: Dogs must be on leash
2 Horseshoe Pits

PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Basketball
Swimming (May-September)
Tennis
Volleyball

LAR RIEU PARK



Location: 196 El Camino Corto

Acreage: 10

Created: Dedicated 2007

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: The site was grant deeded in 1975 to the City by Miriam Lar Rieu, who died in 2003. Lar Rieu offers an impressive view of Mount Diablo.



AMENITIES

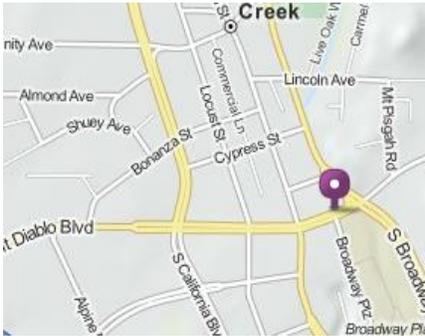
Parking: Street

Other: Dogs must be on leash

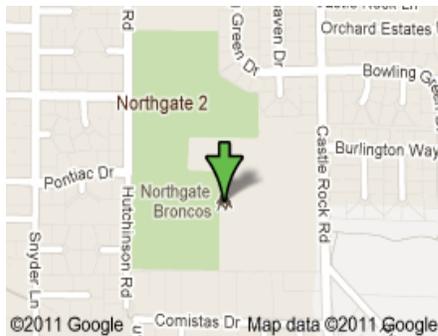
LIBERTY BELL PLAZA



Location:	1400 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Acreage:	.47
Created:	1998
Hours:	24 hours
Description:	Downtown plaza with fountain and seating.



NORTHGATE PARK



Location: Castle Rock Rd next to Northgate High School

Acreage: 3.6

Created: 1979

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Description: Small active park nestled in-between Castle Rock Park and Northgate High School

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 2 individual (non-reservable)

Parking: Street

Sports:
1 Youth Sports Field
2 Sand Volleyball Courts

Other: Dogs must be on leash

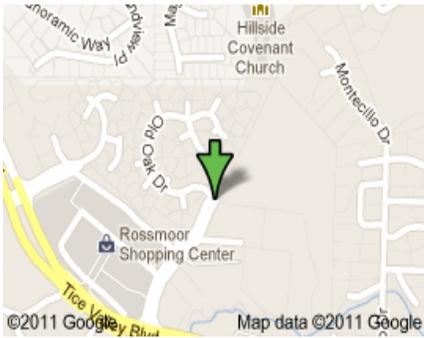
OLD OAK PARK



Location: Rossmoor Pkwy
Acreage: 16
Created: 1975
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Passive park with walking trails.

AMENITIES

Parking: Street



RUDGEAR PARK

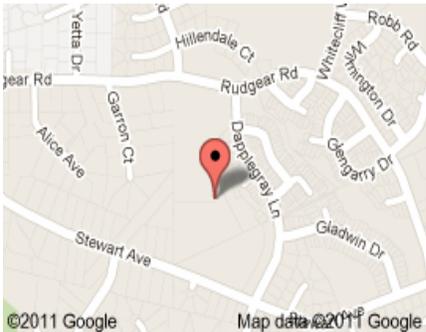


Location: 2261 Dapplegray Ln near Stewart Ave
Acreage: 12
Created: 1974
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Picnic tables with barbecues, connection to walking trails.



AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 1 Group; 1 Individual (non-reservable)
Playgrounds: 2-5 yr old; 5-12 yr old
Sports: 1 Soccer Field
1 Softball Field
1 Basketball Court
6 Tennis Courts
Parking: 42 Spaces
Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women
Other: Dogs must be on leash



PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Basketball
Soccer
Softball
Tennis

SAN MIGUEL PARK



Location: 10 San Jose Ct
Acreage: 4.5
Created: 1968
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Park with connection to walking trails.

AMENITIES



Picnic Area: 3 Individual (non-reservable)
Playgrounds: 5 to 12 yr old
Courts: 0.5 Basketball Court
2 Tennis Courts
Parking: 8 Spaces
Other: Designated off-leash dog area from dawn to 9am each day (weather permitting); dogs must be on leash after those hours.



SHADELANDS MUSEUM



Location: 2660 Ygnacio Valley Rd
Acreage: 1
Created: 1903
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Historical museum with turf and gazebo available for event rental through the Historical Society.

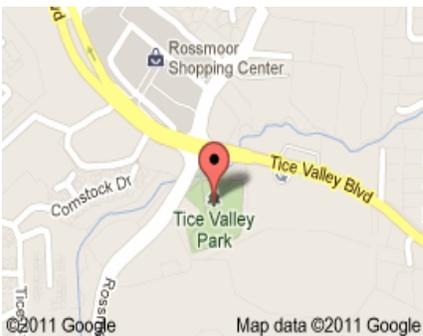


AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 1 Individual (non-reservable)
Parking: 15 Spaces



TICE VALLEY PARK



Location: 2071 Tice Valley Blvd
Acreage: 8.4
Created: 1986
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Park is adjacent to Tice Valley Community Gymnasium. There is a tot lot and picnic tables with barbecues.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 6 Individual (non-reservable)
Playgrounds: 2-5 yr old; 5-12 yr old
Sports: 1 Baseball/Softball Field
1 Gym
1 Soccer Field
Parking: 126 Spaces
Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women
Other: Dogs must be on leash
Classroom and Exercise Room available for reservation

PROGRAMMED VIA ARCS

Type: Arts and Recreation Classes
Baseball
Soccer
Softball
Summer Camps

VALLE VERDE PARK



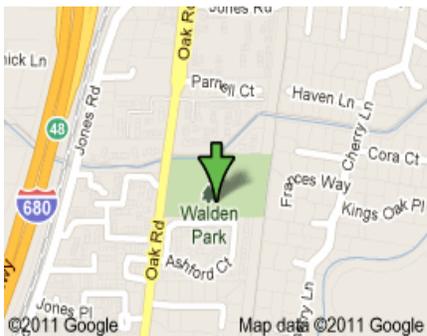
Location: Banyan Circle off Peachwillow Lane
Acreage: 0.9
Created: 1960
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Passive neighborhood park adjacent to Valle Verde School.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 1 Individual (non-reservable)
Parking: Street
Other: Dogs must be on leash



WALDEN PARK



Location: 2628 Oak Rd near CCWD Canal
Acreage: 4.5
Created: 1996
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Description: Passive park with access to Iron Horse Trail.

AMENITIES

Picnic Area: 3 Individual (non-reservable)
Playgrounds: 2 - 5 yr old; 5 -12 yr old
Sports: 1 Basketball Court
1 Handball Court
9-Hole Disc Golf Course
Parking: 26 Spaces
Restrooms: 1 Men; 1 Women
Other: Dogs must be on leash

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OPEN SPACE

ACALANES RIDGE OPEN SPACE (NORTH AND SOUTH)



Location:	Acalanes Ridge South – end of Bacon Way Acalanes Ridge North - off of Green Valley Drive
Acreage:	195 - including 21 acres acquired by Muir Heritage Land Trust in 2010
Created:	1974
Hours:	Open dawn to dusk
Miles of trail:	4 miles
Trail heads:	6

DESCRIPTION:

Acalanes Ridge Open Space is located at the intersection of the cities of Lafayette, Pleasant Hill and Walnut Creek. Acalanes is divided into two parcels, North and South Acalanes and contains land under the ownership of the Muir Heritage Land Trust. Acalanes is known for its spectacular views of the land from the Carquinez Straits to the north, Alamo to the south and east to Mt. Diablo. The Briones to Mt. Diablo Trail travels through Acalanes Open Space North.

AMENITIES:

Parking: On street parking

OTHER: Dogs are allowed off leash on trails in the Open Space but are required to be under sight and voice command. Dogs are not allowed off leash in the street parking areas around trailheads. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads but not on single track trails. No backcountry camping or fires are allowed. Spring wildflowers can be spectacular in Acalanes Open Space.

HOWE HOMESTEAD



Location:	2950 Walnut Boulevard
Acreage:	6.5
Created:	1974
Hours:	Open dawn to dusk Parking lots open at 7 a.m.
Miles of trail:	<1 mile of walking trail around park
Trail heads:	3

DESCRIPTION:

Howe Homestead is a passive community park with a trail leading into Shell Ridge Open Space. This is the historic home of James Pomeroy Howe and the location of the Open Space Division Community Garden and a Pollinator Garden. The Homestead recreates the historic urban farm with a collection of fruit and nut trees, beehives and outbuildings.

AMENITIES:

Picnic Area:	3 tables, non-reservable
Parking:	20 spaces on Walnut Boulevard parking lot and drop-off parking for the Community Garden is available off of Eckley Lane
Restrooms:	1 unisex
Historic Features:	Historic home of James P. Howe, agriculture equipment and structures
Special Gardens:	Pollinator Garden, Community Garden
Water Features:	Creek

OTHER:

Dogs must be on a leash in the developed areas of Howe Homestead including parking lots and gardens. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads and may use the single track Kovar Trail to access Shell Ridge. No camping or fires are allowed.

LIME RIDGE OPEN SPACE



Location:	Ygnacio Valley Road in eastern Walnut Creek
Acreage:	1,226
Created:	1993 completed acquisition
Hours:	Open dawn to dusk Parking lots open at 7:00am
Miles of trail:	17.2 miles
Trail heads:	14

DESCRIPTION:

Lime Ridge is the second largest Open Space area in Walnut Creek. Approximately 25% of Lime Ridge is owned by the City of Concord but is under the management and control of the City of Walnut Creek Open Space Division. Lime Ridge contains some of the last remaining chaparral vegetation in the Walnut Creek area. Due to the rich diversity of plants and animals, this Open Space has specific regulations in place to protect those resources. Lime Ridge is connected to other Open Space areas by the Shell Ridge to Lime Ridge Trail and the Paved Trail System.

AMENITIES:

Parking: Parking lots are located at the intersection of Ygnacio Valley Road and Montecito Ranch Road, at the end of Valley Vista across from Boundary Oak Golf Course and near the Boundary Oak driving range.

Historic Features: Remnants of a cement manufacturing operation can be seen at various locations.

OTHER:

Dogs are allowed off leash on trails in North Lime Ridge (north of Ygnacio Valley Drive) and are required to be under sight and voice command. Dogs are allowed in South Lime Ridge when on leash. Dogs are not permitted at any time in Central Lime Ridge. Maps in kiosks are marked as to where these restrictions are in place. Dogs are not allowed off leash in the parking areas adjacent to Lime Ridge Open Space. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads but not on single track trails. No backcountry camping or fires are allowed.

OLD BORGES RANCH AND HANNA GROVE ACTIVITY AREA (Shell Ridge Open Space)



Location: 1035 Castle Rock Road
Acreage: 20
Created: 1974
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Parking lots open at 7 am
Miles of trail: n/a
Trail heads: 2 leading into Shell Ridge

DESCRIPTION: Old Borges Ranch was founded by Francisco and Mary Borges in 1899 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Francisco and Mary, along with their six children, ran a successful cattle operation on 700 acres included in Shell Ridge Open Space. Hanna Grove Activity Area (adjacent to Borges Ranch) provides picnicking and group camping opportunities for visitors.

AMENITIES:

Picnic Area: 10 picnic tables at Hanna Grove Activity Area
14 picnic tables at Old Borges Ranch
Each area has a large group BBQ with washing facilities and food prep areas
Trash cans and drinking fountains are located at each area
Benches are located at Hanna Grove Activity Area

Parking: 26 paved spaces at Hanna Grove Activity Area
10 gravel spaces at Hanna Grove Activity Area
18 spaces at Old Borges Ranch

Restrooms: 2 unisex restrooms at Hanna Grove Activity Area
1 unisex restroom at Old Borges Ranch

Historic Features: Consists of the 1901 Historic Ranch House, 1903 Horse Barn, 1913 Hay Barn and other out-buildings. The site is home to various vintage tractors, wagons and ranching implements.

Amphitheater: Located at Hanna Grove Activity Area

Special Gardens: Kitchen garden at Old Borges Ranch

Water Features: Bob Pond, a seasonal pond, is located at Hanna Grove Activity Area.

OTHER: Dogs are allowed off leash on trails in Open Space but are required to be under sight and voice command. Dogs are not allowed off leash in the developed areas of Hanna Grove Activity Area and Old Borges Ranch. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads but not on single track trails. No backcountry camping or fires are allowed. Group camping is allowed by permit only at the Hanna Grove Activity Area. Both Old Borges Ranch and the Hanna Grove Activity Area are available for private event rental.

PAVED TRAIL SYSTEM



Created: Over a series of years

Hours: Open dawn to dusk

Miles of trail: 5.5 miles

Trail heads: Many access points throughout Walnut Creek neighborhoods

DESCRIPTION:

The Paved Trails are operated as easements on property owned by the Contra Costa Water District and East Bay Municipal Utility District. Paved Trail maintenance is the responsibility of the Open Space Division.

AMENITIES:

Trash cans: 5 trash cans are located at various street crossings along the trail.

OTHER:

Dogs on leash are permitted on the Paved Trail system. Bicycles and horses are allowed to travel the Paved Trails.

SHELL RIDGE OPEN SPACE



Location:	1035 Castle Rock Road
Acreage:	1,475
Created:	1974
Hours:	Open dawn to dusk Parking lots open at 7:00am
Miles of trail:	31 miles
Trail heads:	14

DESCRIPTION:

Shell Ridge Open Space is the largest unit in the City's Open Space division, containing approximately 1,475 acres of oak savannah and grasslands. Activities include hiking, horseback riding, bicycle riding, picnicking and nature study. Open Space Rangers offer a variety of public educational programs. Shell Ridge is the home of the historic site Old Borges Ranch and the Hanna Grove Activity Area. Shell Ridge is connected to other Open Space areas through the Sugarloaf to Shell Ridge Trail, the Shell Ridge to Lime Ridge Trail and the Briones to Mt. Diablo Trail.

AMENITIES:

Drinking water:

Year round drinking fountains are located at Hanna Grove Activity Area and Old Borges Ranch and seasonal water fountains are located at trailheads at Sutherland Drive and Benham Court.

Parking:

26 paved spaces at Hanna Grove Activity Area
10 gravel spaces at Hanna Grove Activity Area
18 spaces at Old Borges Ranch
5 spaces at Sutherland Drive
On street parking is available at the end of Marshall Drive

Restrooms:

2 restrooms at the Hanna Grove Activity Area
1 restroom at Old Borges Ranch

Historic Features:

Remnants of old cattle operations are found throughout Shell Ridge

Water Features:

Seasonal ponds are located throughout Shell Ridge

OTHER:

Dogs are allowed off leash on trails in the Open Space but are required to be under sight and voice command. Dogs are not allowed off leash in the developed areas of Hanna Grove Activity Area and Old Borges Ranch. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads but not on single track trails. No backcountry camping or fires are allowed. Group camping is allowed by permit only at the Hanna Grove Activity Area.

SUGARLOAF RIDGE OPEN SPACE



Location: 2161 Youngs Valley Rd.
Acreage: 176
Created: 1974
Hours: Open dawn to dusk
Miles of trail: 3.5 miles
Trail heads: 7

DESCRIPTION:

Sugarloaf Ridge Open Space is a small Open Space area with three developed picnic areas, an amphitheater and the home of the Walnut Creek Open Space Native Plant Garden containing native plants found throughout the Open Space system. The 15 acre black walnut orchard is one of the last remaining orchards in the City. Sugarloaf Ridge is connected to Rudgear Park and Shell Ridge Open Space by the Sugarloaf to Shell Ridge Paved Trail. Sugarloaf Ridge provides views of Mt. Diablo, Shell Ridge, Las Trampas Ridge and the Briones Hills.

AMENITIES:

Picnic Area: 40 tables are located throughout the three picnic areas (# of tables, BBQ)

Parking: 10 spaces are available near the Ranger Station
60 spaces are available adjacent to the Orchard Picnic Area

Restrooms: 2 unisex restrooms are located near the Orchard Picnic Area
2 unisex restrooms are located near the Ranger Station

Historic Features: There are various vintage tractors, wagons and walnut processing implements are on display

Amphitheater: Located in the Orchard Picnic area

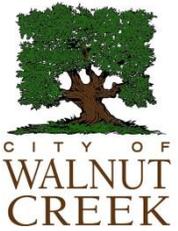
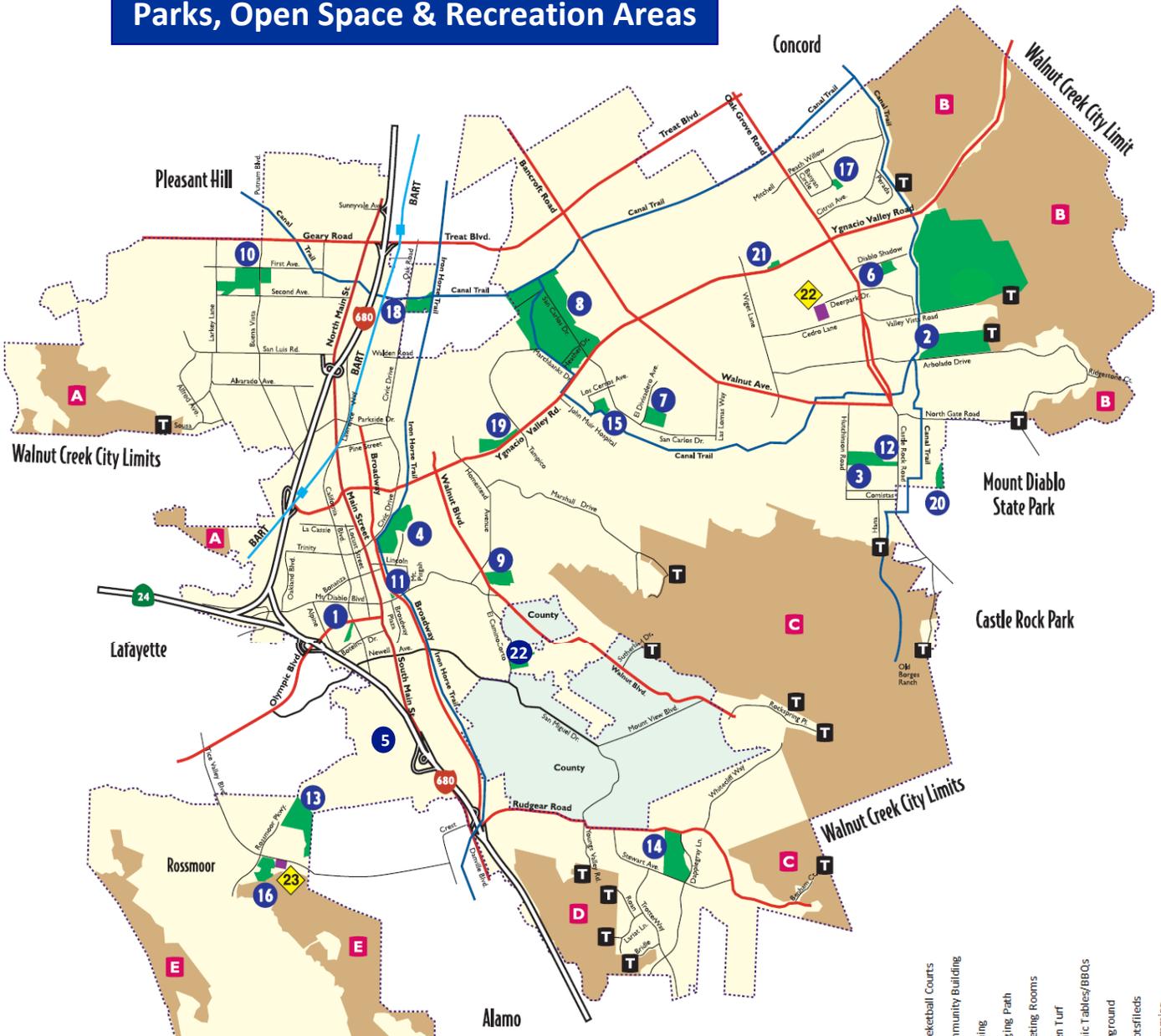
Special Gardens: Open Space Division Native Plant garden

Water Features: Sans Crainte Creek flows through Sugarloaf as a year round creek

OTHER:

Dogs are allowed off leash on trails in the Open Space but are required to be under sight and voice command. Dogs are not allowed off leash in the developed areas of the picnic areas, parking lots or Ranger Station. Mountain bikes are allowed on 8' fire roads but not on single track trails. No backcountry camping or fires are allowed. Group camping is allowed by permit only at the Orchard and Twin Oaks Picnic Areas. The Twin Oaks and Orchard Picnic Areas are available for private event rental. The Box Canyon Picnic Area is not available for reservation by the public. It is occasionally reserved for Ranger led interpretive programs.

Parks, Open Space & Recreation Areas



OPEN SPACE	Riding	Hiking	Camping (Permit Only)	Mountain Biking
A Acalanes Ridge	●	●	●	●
B Lime Ridge	●	●	●	●
C Shell Ridge/Old Borges Ranch	●	●	●	●
D Sugarloaf 2161 Youngs Valley Rd	●	●	●	●
E Howe-Homestead Park Walnut Blvd	●	●	●	●
T Trail Head				



- Baseball Courts
- Community Building
- Fishing
- Jogging Path
- Meeting Rooms
- Open Turf
- Picnic Tables/BBOCs
- Playground
- Sportsfields
- Swimming
- Tennis Courts
- Volleyball
- Disc Golf

	Baseball Courts	Community Building	Fishing	Jogging Path	Meeting Rooms	Open Turf	Picnic Tables/BBOCs	Playground	Sportsfields	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Volleyball	Disc Golf
1 Alma Park California & Olympic Blvd							●	●					
2 Arbolado Park Arbolado Dr							●	●	●		●		
3 Castle Rock Sports Park Hutchinson Rd							●	●	●				
4 Civic Park Civic Dr & N Broadway		●		●	●	●	●	●	●				
5 Lancaster Park Lancaster Rd & Lilac Dr							●	●	●				
6 Diablo Shadows Park Diablo Shadows Dr				●			●	●	●				
7 El Divisadero Park El Divisadero Ave							●	●	●				
8 Heather Farm Park N San Carlos Dr & Ygnacio Valley Rd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
10 Larkey Park Buena Vista & First Ave	●						●	●	●	●	●	●	
13 Liberty Bell Plaza Broadway & Mt Diablo Blvd							●	●	●				
12 Northgate Park Castle Rock Rd							●	●	●		●		
13 Old Oak Park Rossmore Prkwy							●	●	●				
14 Rudgear Park Stewart Ave & Dapplegray Ln	●			●			●	●	●		●		
15 San Miguel Park San Jose Ct				●			●	●	●		●		
16 Tice Valley Park Tice Valley Blvd	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●				
17 Valle Verde Park Banyan Cr							●	●	●				
18 Walden Park Oak Rd	●			●			●	●	●				●
19 Ygnacio Heights Park Ygnacio Valley Rd							●	●	●				
20 Pine Creek Park Trails End Dr													
24 Shadelands Ranch Museum Ygnacio Valley Rd							●	●	●				
22 Lar Rieu Park El Camino Corto							●	●	●				