



BALBOA PARK
EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES
SITE LOCATIONS

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GUIDELINES**

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Balboa Park
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BALBOA PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

“Expressive Activity” protected by the First Amendment is meant to include all non-commercial speech and expressive conduct, including performances, petitioning activity, political activity, and the distribution of information by such means as newspapers, leaflets, and pamphlets.

In order to protect public safety, park maintenance, and deliveries to institutions within Balboa Park will take place before 10:00 AM. Expressive Activity is allowed between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

1. **Non-arcade sites*:** These sites are limited to 4 feet X 8 feet & two 8 feet X 8 feet sites. Tables, canopies, or umbrellas must fit within the 4 feet X 8 feet area. There are 18 non-arcade sites available throughout Balboa Park. SDMC § 63.0102 (b)(25)
2. **Arcade Sites**:** These sites are designated for individuals either standing or sitting without anything that will block or obstruct traffic. There are 8 arcade sites available throughout Balboa Park. SDMC § 63.0102 (b)(25)
3. **Individuals conducting expressive activities must familiarize themselves with the locations identified for expressive activities. Individuals will be required**

- to relocate if they are obstructing walkways, fire lanes, vehicle, or pedestrian access.
4. **Any Expressive Activity that obstructs the free travel of any vehicle or pedestrian over any of the walks, roads, or avenues of any park or plaza property is prohibited. SDMC § 63.0102 (b)(25)**
 5. **Locations are designated by signage and the provided map. Each location is based on a first come, first served basis.**
 6. **Expressive activities are prohibited during scheduled special events and during other events that require a permit.**
 7. **These locations are not designated for sidewalk vending or sales and are strictly for expressive activities.**
 8. **It is unlawful to practice, carry on, conduct, offer for trade any occupation, business or profession. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(14)**
 9. **It is unlawful to possess any cup, jar, or container made of glass and used to carry or contain liquid. SDMC § 63.0102 (b)(7)**

10. **Posting of any items upon any tree, shrub, or plant is prohibited. SDMC § 62.0606**
11. **Boisterous, indecent, riotous, or threatening behavior is prohibited. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(16) and SDMC § 56.27**
12. **Littering is prohibited. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(8)**
13. **Sound amplification of any kind is prohibited. SDMC § 59.5.0502 (b)(1)**
14. **Sites shall not be left unattended unless actively setting up or breaking down. SDMC § 54.0212**
15. **Do not damage city property, including but not limited to, turf, shrubbery, or irrigation system. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(4) and SDMC § 63.0102(b)(5)**
16. **It is unlawful to open or close any valves or switches pertaining to the water or electric services in any park, plaza or beach. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(28)**
17. **Activities involving fire or any generally prohibited weapons are prohibited. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(11) and 16590 PC**
18. **Fortune telling, palm reading, and tarot card**

readings are prohibited. SDMC § 57.10

19. **Holistic health care including raki and massages is prohibited. SDMC § 33.4403**
20. **Consuming alcohol or narcotics is strictly prohibited. SDMC § 56.54 (b)**
21. **The 10-foot area immediately surrounding the space must be kept clean and free of trash and debris associated with their activity. SDMC § 63.0102(b)(8) and SDMC § 63.0102 (b)(25)**
22. **May not set up within 20 feet of any fire hydrant or fire lane. CFC 503.2.1, CFC 503.4, CFC 507.5.4**

*Arcade sites are located inside of the archways located along the north and south side El Prado. They are designated on the map provided as a circle.

**Non-Arcade locations are open air locations. They are designated on the map provided as a rectangle.