



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Park and Recreation Department FAST FACTS

The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department operates and maintains a diverse and valued park system that serves millions of residents and visitors each year. The City park system does more than fulfill the public's need for leisure, it also supports San Diego's economic base through tourism; and it greatly enhances the City's ability to attract and retain businesses.

**As of January 2015, the Park and Recreation Department is responsible for the management of:**

Park Land	41,712 acres of developed and undeveloped park land, joint use and open space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 26,497 acres of open space</li><li>• 5,977 water acres within the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park</li><li>• 9,238 acres of community, regional, neighborhood, mini and joint use parks</li></ul>
Regional Parks	<p>Balboa Park: At 1,172 acres, Balboa Park is a significant horticultural and cultural resource with more than 15,000 trees, and 14 specialty gardens, nearly 100 arts, education, recreational, social and sports organizations; 17 museums and cultural institutions, and is home of the World Famous San Diego Zoo and Old Globe Theatre. Balboa Park entertains more than 10 million visitors a year.</p> <p>Mission Bay: At 4,600 acres, approximately half land and half water; Mission Bay is the largest man-made public aquatic recreational area in the world, entertaining more than 15 million visitors a year.</p> <p>Mission Trails Regional Park: One of the largest urban parks west of the Mississippi, the City owns approximately 7,879 acres of open space within the park's 9,800+ acre draft planning area (plan update underway). Mission Trails provides visitors the chance to participate in a wide variety of hikes and multi-educational programs. Mission Trails also includes Kumeyaay Lake Campground.</p>
Beaches	25.9 miles of Oceanfront shoreline and 27.0 miles of Mission Bay shoreline.
Shoreline Parks	Extend from Torrey Pines City Park south to Sunset Cliffs Natural Park. This coastal system includes 65 view areas and coastal access points.
San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park	The San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park spans 5,977 acres of ocean bottom and tidelands. The park is a popular destination for snorkelers, scuba divers and kayakers.
Recreation	56 recreation centers and two visitor centers provide programs, activities and events throughout the year to all ages, abilities and income levels.
Golf	Three unique municipal golf complexes: Award-winning Torrey Pines Golf Course atop the coastline bluffs of the Pacific Ocean; home of the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) annual Farmers Insurance Open; and selected to host the 2021 US Open Golf Championship; historic Balboa Park located just minutes from downtown; and Mission Bay Golf Course, San Diego's only night-lighted 18-hole golf course and practice facility.

Aquatics Program	Swimming lessons, water safety classes, and classes for youth, adults, seniors and individuals with disabilities. Classes include swim and polo teams; and water fitness classes provided at 13 swimming pools. The 2014 Summer Portable Pool Program offered swimming lessons and recreation swim to over 9,100 participants.
Therapeutic Recreation Services	A variety of programs that are delivered for people with disabilities so that they can achieve a maximum level of independence in their leisure and recreational lifestyles. More than 50,000 people are served each year.
Volunteers	Over 26,600 volunteers have assisted staff and donated 200,500 in Calendar Year 2013 to enrich the lives of park users and to preserve parks for future generations.
Senior Services	Senior Services provides information, referral services, bi-weekly dances, trips and special events to more than 20,000 seniors annually. The Senior Lounge in Balboa Park hosts over 2,000 guests each month.
Skate Parks	5 unsupervised skate parks with 2 new skate parks in design.
Dog Off-Leash Areas	15 designated off-leash dog areas.
Fishing	There are two fishing piers: one at Ocean Beach (longest pier in Southern California) and the other at Pacific Beach. One youth fishing lake is located at Chollas Lake Park.
Joint Use Agreements With Local School Districts	Approximately 90 Joint-Use Agreements with local school districts that provide approximately 370 acres of additional recreational opportunities during non-school hours.
Maintenance Assessment Districts (MAD)	55 maintenance assessment districts throughout the city providing property owners the opportunity to pay for enhanced improvements, maintenance, services, and more in their communities, beyond those generally provided by the City.
Mt. Hope Cemetery	City of San Diego's only cemetery owned and operated by the City. Since 1869, Mt. Hope Cemetery has provided internment options at reasonable costs. Prominent San Diegans including Alonzo Horton and Kate Sessions are buried at this 110-acre site.
Open Space Parks	<p>Black Mountain Park is comprised of 2,352 acres, has trails for hiking, biking and equestrian use and has over 80 species of birds. The center piece of the park is the 1,554 foot summit of Black Mountain which provides 360 degree views of the area.</p> <p>Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, made up of over 4,000 acres is home to many rare and endangered plant and animal species. Visitors using the 37 miles of multi-use trails have the opportunity to pass through 14 different habitat types and view a waterfall.</p> <p>Otay Valley Regional Park is comprised of 2,029 acres, has trails and staging areas and is a joint effort of the City of San Diego, City of Chula Vista, and County of San Diego.</p> <p>San Pasqual - Clevenger Canyon offers hiking and bird watching, and a 1,755-foot summit.</p> <p>Tri-Canyon Open Space Parks include Marian Bear Memorial Park, Rose Canyon Open Space, and Tecolote Canyon Natural Park and Nature Center. It comprises 1,500 acres.</p>
Canyonlands	The Open Space Canyons program oversees management of over 3,000 acres of open space and canyon areas City-wide. The City-wide Open Space and Canyons section takes the lead in coordinating the multiple Friends of Canyon volunteer groups and provides guidance and oversight for canyon related activities.