

7. Recreation

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GOALS

- **Preserve, protect and develop public recreation opportunities and facilities throughout San Ysidro for all users.**

Parks and Recreation Facilities Goals

- ◆ Create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of San Ysidro residents and visitors which serves a variety of users, such as children, persons with disabilities, and the underserved teenage and senior populations.
- ◆ Provide parks and recreation facilities that keep pace with the San Ysidro Community population growth through timely acquisition of available land and development of new facilities.
- ◆ Increase the quantity and quality of recreation facilities in San Ysidro through the promotion of alternative methods, such as park equivalencies, where development of typical facilities and infrastructure may be limited by land constraints.
- ◆ Provide a network of park and recreation facilities and open space areas that are linked by multiple modes of transportation, including public transit, bicycle and pedestrian routes, and trails.

Preservation Goals

- ◆ To create a sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of San Ysidro residents by using “green” technology and sustainable practices in all new and retrofitted parks and recreation facilities.
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Accessibility Goals

- ◆ Enhance recreation facilities in San Ysidro by optimizing access by foot, bicycle, public transit, automobile, and alternative modes of travel.
- ◆ Design all new recreation facilities to be accessible to the broadest population possible.
- ◆ Provide a balance of recreational facilities in the San Ysidro Community that are available for programmed and non-programmed uses.

Open Space Lands Goals

- ◆ Provide an open space system in the San Ysidro Community that provides that preserves and manages the significant natural and man-made resources and enhances of outdoor recreation opportunities.
- ◆ Provide new passive recreation and trails within the Open Space Lands of San Ysidro with connections to Open Space Lands and Resource-based parks adjacent to San Ysidro.

DISCUSSION

The San Ysidro Community Plan Recreation Element includes goals and policies addressing the following topic areas: Parks and Recreation Facilities; Preservation; Accessibility; and Open Space Lands. These policies, along with the broader goals and policies of the General Plan, provide a comprehensive parks strategy intended to accommodate the community at full community development.

7.1 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES STANDARDS

The City General Plan Recreation Element describes three categories of parks within the City of San Diego: Open Space Lands, Resource-based Parks, and Population-based Parks. (See Section RE-D, Open Space Lands and Resource-Based Parks for descriptions.) Population-based parks and recreation facilities are typically located within close proximity to residents and are intended to serve the daily recreational needs of the neighborhoods and communities. The General Plan standard is to provide a minimum of 2.8 useable acres of public park land per 1,000 residents.

Population-based parks consist of seven categories of park types: 1) Major Parks; 2) Community Parks; 3) Neighborhood Parks; 4) Mini-Parks; and 5) Pocket Parks or Plazas; 6) Special Activity Parks, which are unique facilities that may serve multiple communities; and 7) Park Equivalencies. Descriptions for each of these park types can be found in the General Plan Recreation Element, Table RE-2, Parks Guidelines. Typically, community parks are a minimum of 13 useable acres, serve a population of 25,000 and provide active and passive recreation. Neighborhood parks are 3 to 13 useable acres, serve a population of 5,000 within approximately one mile radius, and are accessible primarily by foot or bicycle. Mini-parks are 1 to 3 useable acres within a half mile radius, and pocket parks and plazas are typically less than 1 useable acre within a quarter mile radius from residents to be served. The size of special activity parks vary depending upon the activity and population to be served. Park Equivalencies are alternatives to providing parks and recreation facilities, and supplement the standard population-based parks. Park Equivalencies categories include: 1) Joint-use facilities; 2) Trails; 3) Portions of Resource-based parks; 4) Privately-owned parks, with recreation easements; 5) Non-traditional Parks, such as rooftops or indoor facilities; and 6) Facility or Building expansion or upgrades.

The General Plan also establishes minimum guidelines for recreation centers and aquatic complexes based on population. A recreation center, typically 17,000 square feet in size, should be provided for every 25,000 residents, and an aquatic complex should be provided for every 50,000 residents.

EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION-BASED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The existing population-based park system which serves the San Ysidro community totals 35.28 useable acres of park land, three recreation centers and one swimming pool. At full community development, the projected population for the San Ysidro Community will be 38,559, including any military population. Therefore, according to General Plan Guidelines for the future population-based parks and recreation facilities, the community should be served by a minimum of approximately 108 useable acres of park land at full community development¹. Additionally, at full community development, the projected population warrants approximately one and one-half recreation centers equivalent to 26,220 total square feet², and approximately one aquatic complex³.

¹ **General Plan Guideline - Parks** (2.8 acres/1,000 population): $.0028 \times 38,559 \text{ people} = 107.96 \text{ acres of population-based parks}$.

² **General Plan Guideline - Recreation Center** (17,000 square feet) serves population of 25,000: $38,559 \text{ people} \div 25,000 \text{ people} = 1.54 \text{ Recreation Centers} \times 17,000 \text{ SF} = 26,220 \text{ square feet total}$.

³ **General Plan Guideline - Aquatic Complex** serves population of 50,000: $38,559 \text{ people} \div 50,000 \text{ people} = 0.77 \text{ Aquatic Complexes}$

While the City’s primary goal is to obtain land for population-based parks, where vacant land is limited, unavailable or is cost-prohibitive, the City’s General Plan allows for the application of park equivalencies to be determined by the community and City staff through a set of guidelines.

The San Ysidro Community is an urbanized community where park equivalencies are appropriate for satisfying some of the community’s population-based park needs. The community and City staff identified and evaluated population-based park and recreation opportunities, as well as potential park equivalency sites, for their recreational value, possible uses and functions, public accessibility, and consistency with General Plan policies and guidelines. It was determined that a variety of sites and facilities within the San Ysidro Community could serve as population-based parks or park equivalencies.

The following Table RE-1, Population-based Parks, Park Equivalencies and Recreation Facilities, summarizes the existing and future parks, park equivalencies and recreation facilities for San Ysidro. (Also see Figure RE-1, Open Space, Parks, Park Equivalencies and Recreation Facilities, below.)

Table RE-1 POPULATION-BASED PARKS, PARK EQUIVALENCIES AND RECREATION FACILITIES

SITE I.D. from Figure RE-1	PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES	EXISTING USEABLE	FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE	PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS	RECREATION COMPONENTS & AMENITIES RECOMMENDATIONS
Major Parks					
None					
Community Parks					
x	San Ysidro Community Park	3.2	0.0	Existing community park with a recreation center, senior center, library, gymnasium, tennis & basketball facilities, tot lot & landscaped and turf open area with picnic tables.	
x	San Ysidro Athletic Area/Larsen Field	15.75	0.0	Existing community park with a recreation center, multi-purpose fields, children's play areas and picnic areas.	

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Neighborhood Parks					
X	Beyer Park	0.0	5.0	Proposed neighborhood park on undeveloped City owned property. This site has approximately 12.0 useable acres which will be shared with Otay Mesa (5.0 ac. San Ysidro, and 7.0 ac. Otay Mesa).	Complete the General Development Plan (GDP). Design and construct lighted multipurpose turf sports fields, a skate park, a lighted basketball court, children’s play areas, comfort station/concession building, picnic facilities including picnic shelter, parking areas, viewpoints/overlooks and interpretive signage, trailheads, trails, bicycle lanes and bike racks, walkways, security lighting and landscaping.
X	Coral Gate	2.89	0.0	Existing neighborhood park with turf areas, children play areas, picnic facilities and seating, walkways and landscaping, and security lighting.	
X	Howard Lane	5.95	0.0	Existing neighborhood park with picnic shelters and facilities, basketball courts, children’s play areas, turf areas, parking lot, walkways and security lighting.	Design and construct a new comfort station, basketball court lighting, and ADA/accessibility upgrades for the children’s play area. Design and construct upgrades to the irrigation system, turf, and security lighting.
X(7)	Smythe Ave. & Foothill Rd., NE corner (Camino del Progreso)	0.0	4.30	Proposed neighborhood park on three privately owned, undeveloped lots.	Acquire, design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children’s play areas, viewpoints, picnic facilities, seating, walkways and landscaping.

x	Vista Terrace	4.1	0.0	Existing neighborhood park with a swimming pool & changing room, tot lot, parking lot, picnic area, and multipurpose turf area.	Design and construct upgrades to the turf and irrigation system.
Mini Parks					
x	Colonel Irving Salomon / San Ysidro Activity Center	1.45	0.0	Existing mini park with a recreation center, parking area, and an undeveloped area.	Design and construct a children's play area and half-court basketball court in the undeveloped area at the rear of the Activity Center.
x(18)	Calle Primera, NE of the right-angle road curve.	0.0	2.65	Proposed mini park on undeveloped, privately owned land.	Acquire, design and construct a plaza area, public kiosk, multipurpose turf areas, children play areas, picnic facilities, walkways and landscaping.
x(2)	Dairy Mart Rd. & Beyer Blvd., SE corner	0.0	1.66	Proposed mini park on privately owned land.	Acquire, design and construct a plaza area, public kiosk, multipurpose turf areas, children play areas, picnic facilities, walkways and landscaping.
x	Smythe Ave. & Athey Ave., SE corner	0.0	1.33	Proposed mini park on City owned land.	Design and construct this site as a gateway to Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park. Consider a variety of uses ranging from passive seating and landscaping to a community garden or skate park.
x(6)	Smythe Ave. & Foothill Rd., NW corner	0.0	1.25	Proposed mini park on City owned land.	Design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children's play areas, viewpoints, picnic facilities, seating, walkways and landscaping.

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x	315 Sycamore Road	0.0	0.98	Proposed mini park on undeveloped, privately owned land.	Acquire, design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children play areas, picnic facilities, walkways and landscaping.
Pocket Parks / Plazas					
x(23)	Library / Park Site. Beyer Blvd. & Otay Mesa Rd./E. Beyer Blvd., SW corner.	0.0	0.37	Potential future library and proposed pocket park on undeveloped City owned land and some private land.	Design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children’s play area, picnic facilities seating and landscaping. Acquisition of private property required. Agreement with Library Department.
x(12)	Blanche St. & Tennie St., triangle portion of parcel	0.0	0.53	Proposed pocket park on undeveloped, privately-owned land.	Design and construct a community garden, plaza or public information kiosk on a portion of the site. Acquire the property, or a recreation easement or other agreement for public use of the site.
x(11)	Blanche St. & Cypress Dr., NW corner	0.0	0.65	Proposed pocket park on undeveloped, privately-owned land. Casa Familiar (redevelopment site?)	Acquire, design and construct a pocket park. Acquisition of property from land owner, Casa Familiar, required; if site is planned to be developed with residential uses, the development should incorporate the required public park acreage on site.
x	Old San Ysidro Fire Station #29	0.0	0.32	Proposed plaza/pocket park on City owned land.	Demolition of existing structure. Design and construct plaza, public gathering areas, stage/amphitheatre, picnic facilities, seating and landscaping.

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X(21)	Sipes Lane & Camino de la Plaza, SE corner of intersection	0.0	0.61	Proposed plaza/pocket park on City owned land.	Design and construct a plaza, multipurpose turf areas, children's play area, picnic facilities, seating and landscaping.
X(19)	Sunrise Dr., S terminus	0.0	0.85	Proposed pocket park on partially developed, privately owned land.	Lot line adjustment to create two parcels. Acquire the undeveloped portion of the site. Design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children's play area, picnic facilities, seating, walkways and landscaping.
X(10)	Sunset Lane & Averil Rd., NE corner	0.0	0.33	Proposed pocket park on undeveloped, privately-owned land.	Acquire, design and construct multipurpose turf areas, children play areas, picnic facilities, walkways and landscaping.
Special Activity Parks					
None					

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SITE I.D. from Figure RE-1	PARK EQUIVALENCIES	EXISTING USEABLE ACREAGE	FUTURE USEABLE ACREAGE	PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS	RECREATION COMPONENTS & AMENITIES RECOMMENDATIONS
Joint Use Facilities					
x	La Mirada Elementary School	1.94	0.0	Existing joint use facility with turfed multi-use field.	
Trails^x					
	None				
Portions of Resource-Based Parks					
	None				
Privately-Owned Park Sites					
	None				
Non-Traditional Park Sites					
X(4)	Beyer Blvd. between Dairy Mart Rd. & Smythe Ave., north of the trolley tracks.	0.0	0.2	Proposed linear park on public right-of-way.	Reduce traffic or parking lanes. Design and construct active and passive recreation facilities including exercise and fitness stations, children’s play area, seating and landscaping. Recreation easement may be required.

Facility or Building Expansion or Upgrade				
None				
Total Existing Useable Acreage	35.28	-----	Required Useable Acreage At Full Community Development	Future Useable Acreage Deficit
Total Future Useable Acreage	-----	21.03*	107.96 Acres	51.65 Acres*

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	RECREATION FACILITIES	PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES DESCRIPTIONS	RECREATION COMPONENTS & AMENITIES RECOMMENDATIONS
	RECREATION CENTERS - 17,000 SF per 25,000 people required		
x	Cesar Chavez Recreation Center	Existing 12,997 square foot facility. This facility contains...	
x	Colonel Irving Salomon / San Ysidro Activity Center	Existing 13,976 square foot facility. This facility contains...	
x	San Ysidro Recreation Center	Existing 7,854 square foot facility. This facility contains...	
	AQUATIC COMPLEXES - 1 per 50,000 people required		
x	Vista Terrace Aquatics Complex	Existing aquatics complex contains a swimming pool and locker rooms.	

NOTES:

x Site (#s) refer to potential park sites recommended by community members and evaluated by staff. Final site numbers will be revised in the final draft of this document.

** Future Useable Acres are based on approximate gross acreages. Future acreage will be adjusted in the final draft of this document.*

Table RE-2 POPULATION-BASED PARKS INVENTORY SUMMARY

EXISTING AND FUTURE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES	USEABLE ACRES	QUANTITY OR SIZE
Existing Population-based Parks	35.28 acres	
Future Population-based Parks and Equivalencies	21.03 acres	
Total Existing and Future Population-based parks at full community development	56.31 acres	
Required population-based parks at full community development	108.00	
Population-based park deficit at full community development	51.65 acres	
Existing Recreation Centers (These facilities satisfy and exceed the population-based standards of 26,220 square feet at full community development)		3 Recreation Centers (34,827 total square feet)
Existing Aquatic Center (This facility satisfies the population-based standards of one aquatics center at full community development)		1 Swimming Pool

In summary, the population-based parks needed to serve the San Ysidro Community at full community development will be approximately 108 acres, of which 35.28 acres currently exist. Through this community plan update process, 21.03 useable acres of future parks and park equivalencies sites and facilities have been identified within the San Ysidro Community to serve new residents. The remaining park acreage deficit will need to be addressed in the future through property redevelopment, by land acquisitions and donations, or through future park equivalencies identified by the City or the community.

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At full community development, San Ysidro will require the equivalent of approximately one and one-half recreation centers, or 26,220 square feet of recreation center space. A surplus of this requirement is provided by the community's three existing recreation centers. Similarly, to meet population-based standards, San Ysidro will require approximately one aquatics complex; this standard is currently met by the Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park swimming pool.

Policies

- RE.A-1 Complete the Beyer Park General Development Plan (GDP), and design and construct the planned improvements.
- RE.A-2 Design and construct a public plaza and community gathering space at the old Fire Station #29 site located on San Ysidro Boulevard. Design of the site should encourage linkages with the future pocket park located at Blanche and Tennie Streets.
- RE.A-3 Design and construct a comfort station, and lighting for the basketball courts at Howard Lane Neighborhood Park.
- RE.A-4 Design and construct the City owned sites that are identified in Table RE-1 as population-based parks.
- RE.A-5. Acquire, design and develop privately owned sites as population-based parks that are identified in Table RE-1. Pursue acquisition of other potential population-based parks sites as opportunities arise.
- RE.A-6 Pursue opportunities for joint use of recreational facilities with San Ysidro's schools, and other public or private entities.
- RE.A-7 In the development of the Eastern Hillside area, use master plans to determine the specific quantity, locations and acreages of population-based parks, based on General Plan standards. (refer to the Land Use Element).
- RE.A-8 During the subdivision process, parks should be planned comprehensively with the overall development. Locate new parks adjacent to streets, and as focal points of the planned development.
- RE.A-9 Acquire the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Detention Facility site to expand Vista Terrace Park if the INS determines their use of the site is no longer required.



Insert FIGURE RE-1 EXISTING AND FUTURE PARKS



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7.2 PRESERVATION

The demand for park and recreation opportunities will continue to grow as the population of the San Ysidro Community continues to grow. Undeveloped land for parks has already become difficult to find in the San Ysidro Community making preservation of the existing parks, recreation facilities and open space essential to providing recreation opportunities in this community. Preservation can include improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities to increase their life span, or expand their uses and sustainability. Within new and existing parks all new enhancements or retrofits should include water conservation, storm water management, urban forestry/trees and where possible environmental education. Lawn areas should be limited to areas that are actively used and should be irrigated with high efficiency technology or recycled water to conserve water. The amount of impervious surfaces within park should be decreased where possible to allow storm water to filter back into the soil. Trees should be used within parks to provide shade and also to shade buildings, paving materials and parking lots. Interpretive signs should be located to provide environmental education.

The three Recreation Centers in San Ysidro will continue to serve as the main Recreation Centers for the community, but with increased demand and usage, the buildings will need to be upgraded and designed with sustainable and 'green' technology features, and these upgrades could serve as a model for other public and private development.

Preservation can also include the protection and enhancement of existing open space lands by providing a balance between protecting the natural resources and allowing for an appropriate level of public recreation use. For the San Ysidro Community, this would mean concentrating active recreational improvements within community parks and focusing passive improvements within open space lands. The two open space lands in San Ysidro consist of Dairy Mart Ponds and the Eastern Open Space area. Both of these areas are identified in the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and mapped as a Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). The MSCP is the City's comprehensive habitat conservation planning program that addresses multiple species habitat needs and the preservation of native vegetation communities in the San Diego region. The MHPA is the actual mapping of these core biological resource areas and corridors targeted for conservation. Trails and passive uses are allowed in the MHPA. All new improvements should be located to minimize impacts to natural resources and still provide recreation value.

Policies

- RE.B-2. Enhance the quality of existing and new parks with improvements that provide water conservation, storm water management, urban forestry/trees and where possible environmental education.
- RE.B-2. When the existing Recreation Centers are upgraded to meet increased demand the new improvements should reuse building materials, use materials that have recycled content, or use materials that are derived from sustainable or rapidly renewable sources to the extent possible.
- RE.B-3. Protect and enhance Dairy Mart Ponds and the Eastern Open Space area by locating passive recreation uses that are sensitive to the existing sensitive habitats.
- RE.D-4. Ensure that all new private development adjacent to wetlands and sensitive resources is designed to minimize adverse effects to the resources.
- RE.B-5. Provide sufficient human and economic resources to preserve and enhance the existing parks, recreation facilities and open space lands.

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7.3 ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility within the San Ysidro Community has three main components: 1) all facilities should be located within walking distance of neighborhoods and employment centers; 2) facilities should be accessible to the broadest population possible, and 3) facilities should be open for use by the general public with a balance between programmed and non-programmed activities.

All parks within the San Ysidro Community should be planned to be linked by a network of existing and proposed public transportation, bikeways and pedestrian paths. Beyer Boulevard provides an opportunity to link several public parks together. By reducing the extra wide existing street right-of-way a new pedestrian pathway could be provided with street trees, benches and way finding signs to the public parks. Another opportunity to increase accessibility within the community is to provide park kiosk signs at each community and neighborhood parks. Within the park kiosk sign would be a community map showing the location of all public parks and all available mass transit routes, bike paths and pedestrian paths connecting each park.

All new and existing parks and recreation facilities within the San Ysidro Community are required to meet Federal, State and local accessibility guidelines when they are constructed or retrofitted for improvements or upgrades. This could include adding accessible pedestrian ramps, providing paved pathways at acceptable gradients that lead from a public street sidewalk or parking area to a children's play area or other park destination (referred to as the "path of travel"), providing disabled parking spaces, remodeling of restrooms and building interiors, and providing interpretive signage along a nature trail.

Accessibility also means the availability of active and passive recreation to all community residents. The existing Recreation Centers and multi-use fields are programmed to allow organized sport leagues use of the facilities at specific times while making the facilities available for open, unstructured play and at other times impromptu uses. The schedule is adjusted each year to make sure a balance is provided for the community residents. Future park and recreation areas should be designed to accommodate a variety of uses as determined by community desires consistent with General Plan Guidelines. When special uses are designed into parks, such as dog off-leash areas or community gardens, these areas should also include amenities, such as pathways, benches, exercise stations, or picnic tables on the perimeter that could accommodate more than one type of user and enhance the recreational and leisure experience.

Policies

- RE.C-1. Provide a multimodal circulation system linking parks and open space lands that includes access to mass transit, bike routes and pedestrian paths.
- RE.C-2. Provide information, park maps and other way-finding measures at park and recreation facilities that identify all public parks in San Ysidro and how they can be access by public transit, bike routes or pedestrian paths.
- RE.C-3. Retrofit all existing parks, Recreation Centers and the Aquatic Complex to meet Federal, State and local accessibility guidelines.
- RE.C-4. Provide a balance of programmed activities and non-programmed activities at recreation facilities for the San Ysidro community.

7.4 OPEN SPACE LANDS AND RESOURCE-BASED PARKS

Open space lands are City-owned property located within canyons, mesas and other natural land forms. Open space is intended to preserve and protect native habitats of flora and fauna while providing responsible, public access through hiking, biking and equestrian trails. Open space lands are typically free from development and kept in their natural state to protect their biological resources and habitat value.

In San Ysidro, there are two open space areas; Dairy Mart Ponds and the Eastern Open Space. While there are no Resource-based parks within San Ysidro, the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park is a large resource-based park adjacent to the western boundary of the community (See Figure RE-2, Open Space Lands).

The Dairy Mart Ponds, containing approximately 113 acres of wetland habitat, with 88 acres in the San Ysidro community planning area. This area is located off of Dairy Mart Road, southwest of I-5. Dairy Mart Ponds has several owners including; the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board, the County of San Diego, the City of San Diego and private ownership. The site is one of the community's major natural resources, featuring naturalized ponds, wetland and native habitat.



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The Eastern Open Space, approximately XX acres, is located on the community's eastern boundary and is San Ysidro's major visual open space area and dramatically frames the eastern portion of the community. This open space area is adjacent to the open space network in the Otay Mesa Community.

The Tijuana River Valley Regional Park, approximately 2,500 acres, is immediately to the west of San Ysidro. The river valley provides an open, natural area in an otherwise urban atmosphere. Although not within the San Ysidro Community Plan boundaries, the river valley has a dramatic visual impact on the community and it offers one of the best and largest remaining examples of coastal wetlands .

Access to the Reserve is possible from several directions. The northern and western parts of the Reserve in the National Wildlife Refuge are more accessible to visitors. The beach and Seacoast Driver provide pedestrian and vehicular access to the western edge of the Reserve and Refuge. Access to the south is via Monument Road – the entrance to Border Field State Park. Visitors can enter the northern part for the Reserve along Imperial Beach Boulevard and other local roads. Elsewhere, access is restricted by the Navy Outlying Landing Field and private agricultural properties. Hiking and equestrian use is accommodated by an extensive trail system.

Within the Reserve are two distinct areas; the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and the Border Field Station. Within the Border Field State Park, approximately 418 acres, is a passive recreation area consisting of picnic areas, overlooks and a beach area used for swimming, surfing and fishing. The remainder of the area within the existing park consists mainly of wetland habitats—a saltwater marsh, mud flats and a maritime transition zone. It is a primary objective of the State Park and Recreation Commission to preserve the ecological system in as natural a condition as possible and to restrict active recreation to the sandy beach and upland area. Management and future improvements of the Reserve is guided by the Tijuana River Comprehensive Management Plan, dated March 1999. Public access, involvement and resource protection are key goals to the plan.

Policies

- RE.D-1. Maintain and preserve the sensitive habitat at the Dairy Mart Ponds by locating trails consistent with the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program and by providing interpretive signs on the significance of the site at key locations.
- RE.D-2. Within the Eastern Open Space area look for trail opportunities to connect to the Otay Mesa Trail System and to the future trails located in Beyer Neighborhood Park. Provide trailhead kiosk signs and interpretive signs that educate the community on the Open Space area and habitat.
- RE.D-3. Create a link from San Ysidro to the Tijuana River Valley Regional Park. This connection could be located within Dairy Mart Ponds area or from pedestrian sidewalks along Camino de la Plaza and connect to the existing trailhead kiosk at the intersection of Dairy Mart Road and Camino de la Plaza.