

Park and Recreation Board

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Information Item 202:

City of San Diego Park Ranger Program

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Parks & Recreation Department

Background & History

- It started in 1989 with one Park Ranger at Mission Trails Regional Park.
- Now in 2022, there are 65 Rangers including 12 Senior Park Rangers & 53 Park Rangers.
- This year marks the largest expansion of Park Rangers in the program's history.

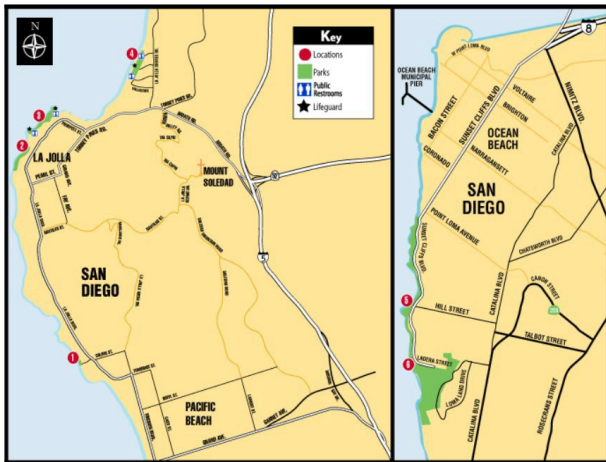
Open Space Division



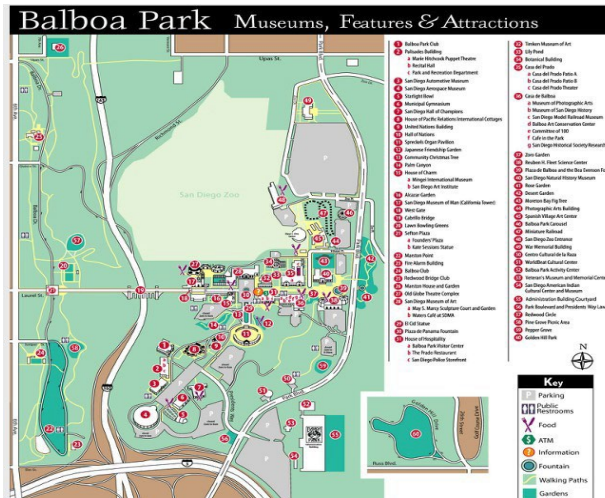
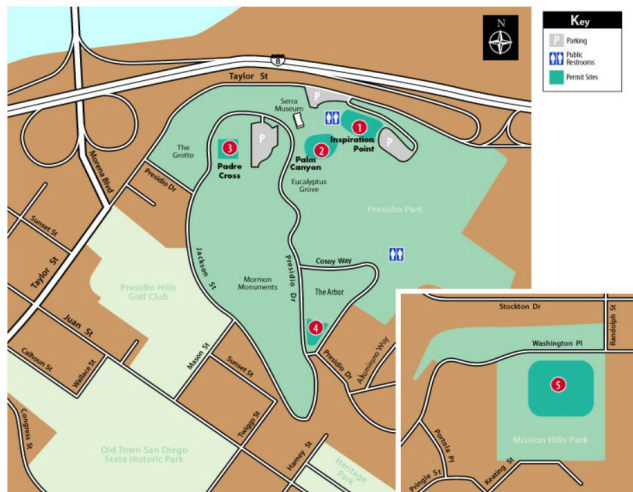
Open Space Parks & Canyons

- 27,000 Acres
- 225 Miles of hiking trails

Developed Regional Parks Division



Shoreline Parks,
Mission Bay Park,
Presidio Park, & Balboa
Park



- 5,457 Acres
- 13 Miles of Coastline

Park Rangers Wear Many Hats



Education & Interpretation

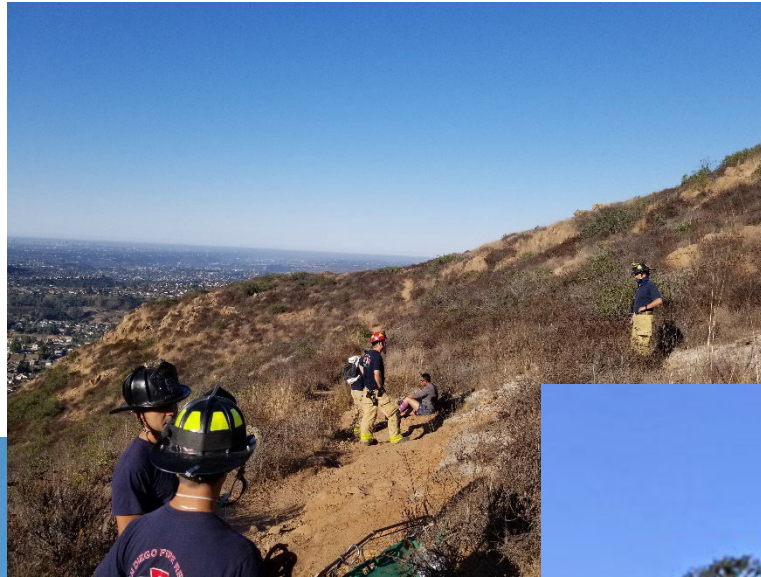
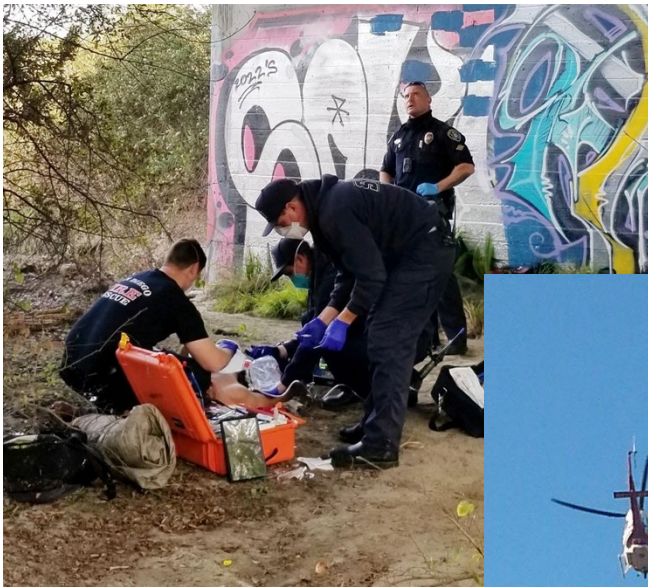


Resource Management

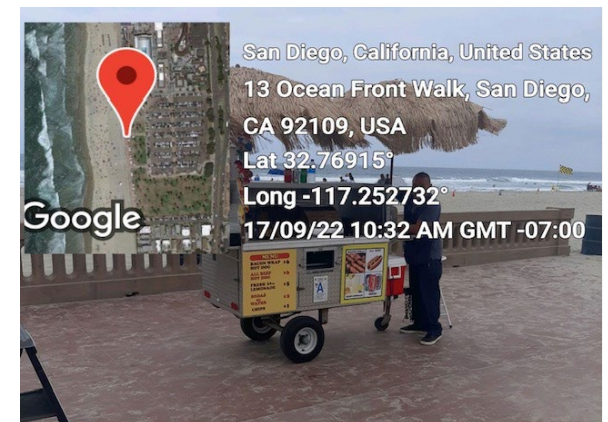


First Responders

- Medical
- Rescues
- Fire Suppression



Enforcement



Levels of Enforcement

- Violent Crimes, Weapons & Drugs
- Violations of Park Muni Codes
“Quality of Life Crimes”
- Witness & Reporting Party



Authority to Enforcement

Park Rangers are granted limited enforcement authority under San Diego Municipal Code 63.0108

“Park Rangers Authorized to Enforce State and Local Codes

The Park Rangers of The City of San Diego are hereby authorized and empowered to enforce provisions of the San Diego Municipal Code and violations of the California State Codes which are designated as misdemeanors; to make arrests without a warrant whenever the Park Ranger has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a misdemeanor in the Park Ranger’s presence which is a violation of a statute or Code the Park Ranger has the duty to enforce; and, while engaged in the performance of his or her duties, to arrest persons and issue citations under the provisions of Sections 836.5 and 853.6 of the California Penal Code for violations which occur in the City of San Diego, beach or park areas. (Renumbered from Sec. 63.0107 on 11-8-1999 by O-18706 N.S.)”

Types of Enforcement

CITATIONS

- **Parking**
- **Infractions**
- **Misdemeanors**
- **Administrative**

Limits of Enforcement

- **No Side Arms**
- **No Vehicle Pursuits**

Park Rangers are allowed to protect themselves from outside threats.

How to contact Park Rangers

Park Areas	Phone Number
Balboa Park	619-235-1122
Black Mountain & Santa Luz Open Space	858-538-8082
Chollas Lake Park	619-527-7683
Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, Carmel Mountain Preserve & Del Mar Mesa Preserve	858-538-8066
Mission Bay Park	858-581-7602
Mission Trails Regional Park & Visitor Center	619-668-3281
Open Space Canyons	619-235-5262
Otay Valley Regional Park	619-424-0463
San Diego River Park	619-525-8502
Shoreline Parks (City Beach Areas)	858-581-9982
Tecolote Canyon, Marian Bear, Mission Valley Preserve & Rose Canyon	858-581-9961
Tecolote Nature Center	858-581-9944



Thank you