

Junipero Serra County Park

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The Department manages parks, trails, and historic sites to preserve public lands and provide opportunities for education and recreation. The system's properties include parks, preserves, trails, and historic sites located throughout the County and encompassing more than 17,000 acres.

The parks represent our region's wondrously diverse natural settings, from rugged tidepools, lush mountain forests, and remote campsites to Bayfront shoreline, sunny picnic areas, and popular playgrounds.

The Department sells annual passes, offering unlimited entrances to all County Parks for a year.

Support your parks

You can volunteer to help rangers protect and improve parklands and serve park visitors.

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation raises funds to improve the quality of County Parks for our community. For information, visit www.SupportParks.org.

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The Park's 103 acres of meadows and hills provide opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and play, as well as extraordinary vistas of the San Francisco Bay — even Mount Diablo on a clear day.

A beautiful rural expanse nestled just west of Millbrae and San Bruno, Junipero Serra County Park is close to Highway 280 and accessible from El Camino Real. Centrally located between San Francisco and the south Bay, the Park offers a unique natural location for special events.



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Natural features

Junipero Serra sits on a long ridge that was once quarried for its Franciscan sandstone. This setting allows for a diversity of habitats, from stands of coast live oak, buckeye, ceanothus, Monterey cypress, Monterey pine, and eucalyptus to arroyo willow, California laurel, madrone, and horsetail. El Zanjon Creek winds through the Park.

Frequently seen in the Park are raccoons, scrub jays, towhees, red-tailed hawks, turkey vultures, and banana slugs. Spring wildflowers include California poppy, miner's lettuce, buttercup, blue-eyed grass, and Douglas iris.



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Activities and facilities

The Park has two playgrounds: one near the De Anza Picnic Area, and the Meadow View Playground, featuring a double 54'-long slide.

Junipero Serra includes a number of hiking trails, including the self-guided Live Oak Nature Trail near the park entrance.

The Bay View Picnic Shelter area provides excellent views of San Bruno Mountain, the East Bay, and activity at San Francisco International Airport.

Throughout the Park are many drop-in picnic areas. Visitors may make reservations for group picnic areas, picnic shelters, and youth camps. The Bay View Shelter area includes a volleyball court.

To make reservations, visit www.SMCoParks.org or call 650-363-4021.

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Park hours and use

- Hours** The Park opens at 8am. Closing time changes seasonally, and is posted.
- Dogs** Dogs on leash are permitted in designated and signed areas in this park.
- Fires** Barbeques are allowed only in barbeque pits using charcoal; no portable barbeques.
- Smoking** No smoking in County parks, on trails, or at historical sites.

Please protect the Park's natural environment and do not disturb or remove any plants or animals.

Trails

- Live Oak Nature Trail** .5 mile round-trip
- County to City Park** .6 mile from Buckeye parking lot via Meadow Vista, Pine Tree, and City Park Trails
- Quail Loop Trail** 1.3 miles

- Hikers and runners share these trails. Please be alert and courteous to all trail users.
- Weather conditions may cause seasonal trail closures.

For more trail information and routes, visit www.SMCoParks.org.

