**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**CAMPFIRES:** Must be confined to existing stoves or fire rings. See ranger for current campfire rules. No fires after 11 p.m.

**PETS:** Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, restrained on a leash not longer than 6 feet, and attended at all times. Dogs are not allowed on trails.

**WASTEWATER:** Dispose all wastewater in an approved dump station, never on the ground.

**VEGETATION & NATURAL FEATURES:** All plants, animals, natural features, and archaeological resources are fully protected and may not be damaged, injured, or removed. Check with your ranger for firewood for sale. Do not gather wood from within the park.

**TREES:** Do not tie or hang ropes, wire, or tents to trees. Do not drive nails, screws, or staples into trees.

**GENERATORS:** Generators are allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., so long as the noise does not disturb the peace and quiet of the campground or neighboring sites.

**NOISE:** To ensure each park guest’s pleasure and peace, quiet hours are from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. Excessive noise and loud music is discouraged at all times.

**FIREARMS & WEAPONS:** Firearms and weapons are not permitted in any County Park.

**DRONES:** Remotely piloted aircraft and drones are prohibited.

**YOUTH:** All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legally responsible adult with medical authorization for each child while camping in the park.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages are permitted provided the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

**CAMPING:** No more than eight people and two tents per camp site.

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**INFORMATION**

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Potrero County Park, 45 miles east of San Diego, is in a broad valley dotted by coastal live oaks. Its grassy meadow and rocky hillsides provide quiet solitude for hikers and campers, and picnickers will enjoy the shade of hundred-year-old oak trees. The park is well-suited for year-round recreation, with an average summer high of 90 degrees and an average winter low of 34 degrees. At an elevation of 2,300 feet, the valley can receive occasional light snowfall in the winter.

Area History
The Spanish word “Potrero” means “pasturing place.” Until the middle of the 19th century, the Potrero region was inhabited only by Kumeyaay Indians, who found the area rich in their main food, the acorn.

In 1868 Charlie McAlmond, a ship captain from San Diego, settled in the Potrero Valley and established a cattle ranch and farm. Others soon followed, becoming ranchers or wood cutters. The cordwood business flourished in this oak woodland, and large horse-drawn wagons hauled firewood and bark to other parts of the region.

Welcome to Potrero County Park

What You’ll See
Wagons no longer run between Potrero and San Diego, but much of the area might still seem like home to Captain McAlmond.

Wildlife abounds undisturbed in this mountainous habitat. Rare predators such as bobcats are seen occasionally. Some more conspicuous animal residents include mule deer, coyotes, raccoons, striped and spotted skunks, and brush rabbits. Red-tailed and Cooper’s hawks, golden eagles, acorn woodpeckers, and scrub jays are just a few of the bird species that you might notice. Observant visitors may also see reptiles such as the Great Basin Fence Lizard or the San Diego gopher snake. During the spring, listen for the evening call of the Pacific Tree Frog. Rattlesnakes are occasionally reported; be cautious of these natural residents of the park and leave them undisturbed.

Amenities
Potrero Regional Park offers RV, tent and group camping. Groups can use developed or primitive sites and may also reserve a picnic area or the enclosed pavilion.

Coin-operated hot showers are available for campers staying at one of the 39 RV sites, which have electrical hook-ups and water. There is a holding tank disposal station at the campground. Potrero County Park now offers two 390 square-foot cabins featuring interior lighting, a table and chairs, a double-size bed frame, three bunk beds, a sink and bathroom, and a porch. Campers must bring their own mattress and bedding for the beds. Each cabin is temperature controlled to beat the heat. A fire ring and picnic table is located outside for your enjoyment, and pets are not allowed in or around the cabins. All cabins are smoke-free.

Local Attractions
The nearby town of Potrero offers a general store, café, post office, and library. The railroad museum and century-old historic stone store in the nearby town of Campo make for an interesting side trip, and the colorful Mexican community of Tecate is only minutes away.

Day–Use Area
Potrero County Park features a large area for day use. Families can enjoy a peaceful meal at the picnic tables and kids can use the modern playground. A nature trail featuring exercise equipment is available for fitness enthusiasts. Much of the 115-acre park consists of picnic areas. Visitors can also enjoy ball fields, a dance pavilion, playgrounds, and hiking trails. Picnic Area 1 is a favorite for groups of up to 300 people, playing host to a number of special events every year.