Guajome Regional Park
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Guajome Regional Park
A San Diego County
Camping Park

Park Amenities

Upper Area Amphitheater

Cabin Interior View

Covered Pavilion Interior View

Rules and Regulations

Alcoholic Beverages are permitted providing the alcohol content does not exceed 20%.

Generators: Generators may not operate between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. Generator noise must not emit beyond the immediate camping space.

Firearms & Weapons: Firearms, fireworks, and weapons are not permitted in County Parks.

PETs: Pets are permitted if they are properly restrained and under the control of the owner. Dogs must be licensed, remain on a leash no longer than six feet, and attended at all times.

Trees: Do not tie or hang ropes, wire, or tents to trees.

Vegetation & Natural Features: All plants, animals, natural features, and archaeological resources are fully protected and may not be damaged, injured, or removed. Please check with your ranger for firewood — he or she generally has a supply to sell for campfires. Please do not publish it from within the park.

Waste Water: Please dispose of all waste water in an approved dump station, never on the ground.

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

NOTE: Firewood in the park is a renewable open source, maintaining clean campfire areas is a safe and clean condition and complying with all park rules. Failure to comply will result in a suspension of camping privileges and loss of prepaid fees.

Information
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All campsites limited to one camping unit unless authorized by ranger.
Welcome to Guajome Regional Park

Guajome Regional Park is located in the coastal community of Oceanside, approximately eight miles from the Pacific Ocean. Whether you like to camp, picnic, hike, fish, bike, nature watch or simply relax and enjoy the day, this 394-acre park has a little something for everyone.

Guajome Regional Park History

The first inhabitants of the park were Native Americans, called the Luiseno by the Franciscan Padres from the Mission San Luis Rey. In 1845, before California became a state, the land was granted to two Luiseno brothers by the last governor of Mexican California, Pio Pico.

The area transferred hands until it was gifted to Ysidora Bandini de Couts as a wedding present from her brother-in-law, Abel Sterns. It was Ysidora's husband, Cave Johnson Couts Sr, who constructed the 7,000 square foot Rancho Guajome Adobe hacienda, which is a mile to the east of Guajome Regional Park.

In the 1950s, then owner Jerry Buteyn established a prized collection of birds and other animals on the property and maintained a small zoo. The lake and marsh areas were constructed to enhance the appeal of the estate. The tall palm trees and other terraced areas are evidence of his work.

The Country of San Diego purchased the land in the 1970s to establish the present-day park.

Guajome Regional Park Features

Amenities in the park are highlighted by a developed campground which offers 33 partial hook-ups sites with paved driveways, fire rings, and tables. Hot showers, clean restrooms, and a waste water dump station are also part of the comforts in the campground.

There is an enclosed pavilion overlooking the lake for group/caravan use, a very comfortable reservable family cabin, and many mature shade trees. Afternoon ocean breezes keep the park pleasant year-round.

Two day use areas offer playgrounds and lots of green lawns ideal for a relaxing picnic. The upper area also includes an outdoor fitness area, amphitheater and volleyball and horseshoe courts. For more recreational opportunities, a basketball court, soccer field, and small rock climbing formation are found in the lower picnic area.

Two ponds attract a wide variety of migratory birds and serve as home to a variety of fish that will test the skills of any angler. Shore fishing is available during park hours. Guajome is one of North County's best spots for bird watching; at least 186 species have been seen within the park boundaries.

There are approximately 3.5 miles of well-maintained trails that meander through diverse Southern California habitats such as woodlands, chaparral, wetlands, and mixed grasslands. A short self-guided nature trail is centrally located in the park as well. Hikers, bikers, dogs on a leash and equestrians are all welcome. For the tech inclined visitor the park has a QR-Fit Trail System and a TRACK Trails system for kids.

Local Points of Interest

The park is close to other entertaining and historical points of interest such as the Rancho Guajome Adobe, designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1970 and the San Luis Rey Mission, one of the 21 California missions, which was founded in 1798.

Other historical adventures can be experienced at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, which preserves and displays many examples of mechanical ingenuity and home crafts associated with the early days of the American farm and industrial revolution era.

For those who want to explore beyond the park's recreational opportunities, there is a bicycle trailhead just outside of the park that extends through nearby Oceanside, all the way to the coast. Oceanside itself offers access to great beaches, a pier, a fine harbor, shopping, and restaurants.