Reservable Areas

Picnic Areas

There are several picnic areas that can be reserved for special functions, with a variety of amenities including a covered dance pavilion, serving area, picnic tables, barbecues, shade structures, and grassy lawns. Each location boasts a unique, picturesque backdrop in a natural setting that guests are sure to enjoy.

Areas 1 – 4 are in the upper park and offer larger, more open event venues.

Areas 5 – 8 are in the lower park and are ideal for smaller groups looking for a more secluded setting.

Weddings

San Dieguito County Park’s diverse spaces can accommodate weddings of many sizes. The Victorian Gazebo offers a private space for ceremonies and can accommodate up to 200 people. Alternatively, Area 1 offers a large grassy space for ceremonies and receptions with a covered dance pavilion, serving area and picnic tables with room for up to 500 guests.

San Dieguito County Park is a 125-acre park that offers playgrounds, fitness stations, TRACK Trails, a basketball court, pavilions, a wedding gazebo, large open lawns, picnic areas, a butterfly garden and barbecues. It is also home to Miracle Field, a baseball field designed for children with special needs, and Activity Hill, which features climbing ladders, rope bridges and scenic overlooks.

San Dieguito County Park

Upper Park Entrance
1756 Highland Dr.
Solana Beach, CA 92075
(858) 755-2386

Mailing Address
1628 Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
Del Mar, CA 92014
Hours: 9:30 a.m. – sunset

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

DRONES:
Remotely piloted aircraft and drones are prohibited.

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

FIREWORKS:
Fireworks are not permitted in any County Park.

LITTER:
Littering is prohibited. Please place litter and recyclable materials in the containers provided by the park.

NATURAL & CULTURAL FEATURES:
All plants, animals, natural and cultural features are fully protected and may not be harmed or removed.

PETS:
Pets are permitted in the park during park hours. Pets must be kept on a maximum 6 ft. leash, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

SMOKING:
Smoking, including the use of vaporizing products, is not permitted.

TRAILS:
Please stay on designated trails. Please share the trail.

TREES:
Do not tie or hang anything to trees, including piñatas, hammocks, ropes, wires, or tents. Do not drive nails, screws, or staples into trees.

VEHICLES:
Vehicles are not allowed beyond the designated parking lot.

INFORMATION

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San Dieguito County Park
A San Diego County Day-Use Park
Welcome to San Dieguito County Park

Located a short distance from the Pacific Ocean, San Dieguito County Park enjoys coastal breezes, lush greenery, scenic trails and is surrounded by groves of stately trees.

**History**

Juan Maria Osuna was granted the land that is now San Dieguito County Park by the Mexican government in 1840. He built an adobe home for his wife and 14 children, and used the land for farming and livestock.

His heirs sold the property to a subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railway in 1906. The company planted 3.5 million Eucalyptus seeds on the property hoping to use the wood for railroad ties. The wood was not viable for this purpose and the tree-covered land sat idle.

The company then sold individual parcels of the land, which helped to create the town of Rancho Santa Fe. The County purchased the land for San Dieguito County Park from the Santa Fe Irrigation District on January 12, 1954.

**Park Facilities**

The park is separated into two distinct areas – an upper area and a lower area – which are connected by a network of trails. The upper area can accommodate large group picnics and has five playgrounds. The lower park can accommodate smaller group picnics in a lush, greenway setting. In the center sits Activity Hill, which offers unique hiking and fitness opportunities. The hill features viewing platforms with 360 degree vistas, rope bridges, educational audio panels with information about local history and wildlife.

**Fitness Trail**

The 1.25-mile fitness trail features 10 workout stations that will challenge occasional athletes and fitness buffs alike! Developed for people 13 and older, the stations offer fitness that conditions the whole body. Each station offers three levels of intensity so all users can customize a progressive workout regimen. As a bonus, incredible views are found at each stop along the path.

**San Dieguito Flora and Fauna**

Wildlife is abundant in the park, from birds soaring high above to four-legged creatures in the hills and underbrush below. Red-shouldered hawks are often heard before they are seen because of their high-pitched call. Southern Pacific rattlesnakes can be seen sunning themselves along the trail. Rabbits, squirrels and quail use the brush to build homes, gather food and hide from predators.

A majority of the wildlife on site lives and congregates in the center of the park where the vegetation is comprised of Coastal Chaparral – a local ecosystem that is quickly disappearing. Stop by to enjoy its diversity and beauty!

San Dieguito is also home to a diverse collection of both native and ornamental trees such as Scrub Oak, Eucalyptus, Torrey Pine, Jacaranda, Liquid Amber, Ficus, Tipu, Pepper trees, Cypress, Spruce, Sycamore and Cottonwood.

**Connecting to San Elijo Lagoon**

Hikers and equestrians can connect between San Dieguito County Park and San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Preserve via the park’s lower entrance. Follow the horse trail along El Caminos Real to the La Orilla trailhead.