



SAN LUIS REY BONSALL COMMUNITY PARK FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

General Questions

1. When did the County acquire the Bonsall Community Park (formerly SLR Downs) site?

The County acquired the 63-acre Bonsall Community Park site in 2015 as part of the greater San Luis Rey River Park (SLRRP) Master Plan. This parcel is located at Camino Del Rey and West Lilac Road, across from Bonsall Elementary School. Bonsall Community Park will be located approximately 6.5 miles from the future Rio Prado Park site, another park within the SLRRP Master Plan.

2. What is the timeline for Bonsall Community Park?

Bonsall Community Park is currently in the final engineering/design review phase.

- The County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) received funds to start the project in Fiscal Year 2019/20.
- Environmental surveys and a concept design were completed by 2021.
- In 2022, Parks and Recreation secured additional funding to integrate phasing into the final design.
- In early 2023 integrating phasing into the final design was completed, and construction plans are being reviewed by the County's Planning and Development Services and Public Works Departments.
- After review is complete, DPR anticipates to go out to bid before the end of the 2023 calendar year.

3. What outreach has happened for Bonsall Community Park?

- A public meeting for Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park was held on April 29, 2019, to gather input on park design and desired amenities for each park site. An online survey was posted for those who could not attend and shared on the DPR website and social media sites.
- A second public meeting for Bonsall Community Park (only) was held on Oct. 3, 2019, to collect feedback on a proposed concept plan. An online survey was posted for those who could not attend this meeting as well and was shared via the DPR website and social media sites.
- A third public meeting was hosted on Nov. 5, 2020, to present the final concept plan, and to answer questions. [Click here](#) to view the pre-recorded public meeting #3.

In addition to the public design meetings, representatives from the County have attended several Community Sponsor/Planning Group meetings with both the Bonsall CSG and the Fallbrook CPG. The County has also attended Community Service Area (CSA) 81 meetings, Rancho Monserrate HOA meetings, an SL Rey HOA meeting, and met with representatives of the State and Federal Wildlife Agencies to provide updates and receive input. All forms of feedback are documented by the project team.



4. Will there be another public meeting?

DPR will reach back out to the community when the construction timeline is finalized, following the review by County departments.

5. How can I stay informed?

If you would like to be included on the distribution list, please send an email to the Park Project Manager. DPR will also continue to work with Community Sponsor/Planning Groups and will post event announcements on the DPR website and social media accounts. To learn more about this project, and other DPR development projects, visit sdparks.org > Plans > Development Projects. The Park Project Manager for Bonsall Community Park is Jen Sabo Spencer, jen.spencer@sdcounty.ca.gov, (858) 776-8399.

Traffic/Safety Questions

6. Will the park be available for student drop off and pick up at Bonsall Elementary School?

DPR is in close communication with the Bonsall Unified School District. Currently, all parking in the park is intended for park purposes only and Bonsall Elementary School does not allow students to walk into school. Every child must be dropped off on campus.

7. What will be done for fire safety?

North County Fire Protection District and San Diego County Fire have both reviewed the plans for conformance and have provided feedback on the plans. Their comments have been integrated into the final design. Safety is a top priority for DPR.

8. I live adjacent to Bonsall Community Park – how will you keep visitors from entering my property?

DPR will place signage to direct visitors to parking lots and staging areas. Designated areas will be marked. Internal parking will be sufficient for park users so that street parking will not be necessary.

9. What security will each site have?

Park Rangers will patrol each area during day-time hours, seven days a week. There will be a small park office on site where staff will be stationed when they are not on foot, managing the property. Bonsall Community Park will have two live-on hosts to help patrol the park after hours and provide a 24-hour presence. DPR also partners with local law enforcement to report and mitigate safety concerns. We encourage all park users to flag issues in/around the area by calling park staff, the Sheriff's Office, or 911. Info will be included in park kiosk signage.



10. What will be done about potential homeless encampments?

DPR Park Rangers will patrol this area regularly. If an encampment is located on DPR park land, the occupants are informed that unpermitted camping is prohibited. DPR staff then coordinate with homeless resource organizations to offer resources to the occupants. After services are offered, DPR staff post a notice to vacate. If the occupants do not cooperate, DPR coordinates with local law enforcement and other County officials to facilitate safe relocation.

Trail Questions

11. When will the trails open?

Trails within the park site will be constructed at the same time as the park. Trails outside of Bonsall Community Park are still in the planning phase, as part of the larger trail plan for the SLRRP.

12. What user groups will be able to use the perimeter trails vs the internal park walkways?

The soft surface perimeter trails will be open to all users, including the equestrians, hikers, mountain bikers, kids, families, and those wanting to enjoy and learn more about nature and local wildlife. The 10-foot width ensures there is space for everyone. The internal, hardscape walkways are intended for pedestrians and bikers only. Motorized vehicles will not be permitted on any trail or walkway, except for park maintenance vehicles.

13. Will e-bikes be allowed on trails?

Yes: following the State of California AB 1096, Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are considered bicycles and are allowed on trails. These classes of e-bikes do not have electric assistance at 20 mph. All trail users must follow DPR trail safety rules and use the trails in a way that respects and prioritizes the safety of all trail users.

14. What material will the trails be?

Most of the perimeter trails will be decomposed granite or native ground. The internal walkways will be concrete.

15. Will there be loop trails?

There will be a perimeter loop around the entire site that measures approximately 1.25 miles. There will also be numerous internal trails and walkways, making many different loops possible.

16. How will equestrians access the trails?

DPR is planning several access points which will include staging areas for equestrians distributed throughout the larger SLRRP. These are still in the planning phase, but DPR anticipates two equestrian staging areas will be integrated into the overall river park, one in the western portion of SLRRP and another in the eastern portion of SLRRP. The trail that runs along the northern edge of the property and connects under Mission Road will remain unchanged.



Parking/Staging Areas

17. How many parking stalls will be included?

There will be approximately 440 standard parking stalls and 16 ADA parking stalls within the park. There will also be 3 RV parking stalls and stalls dedicated for electrical vehicle charging.

Environmental Questions

18. Will the projects comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

Yes. The project is within the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan Core Study Area. The project will comply with all applicable mitigation measures identified in the Board of Supervisors adopted 2021 Addendum to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR).

19. What biological resources are anticipated in the open-space preserve area?

The San Luis Rey River Park contains riparian and upland habitats that supports or has a potential to support a wide variety of species, including the least Bell's vireo, coastal California gnatcatcher and arroyo toad. Environmental surveys will take place to determine if any of these species are present.

Environmental surveys occurred throughout the location proposed for the Bonsall Community Park, as well as nearby land. As part of the survey efforts, protocol surveys for least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, and arroyo toad occurred. While least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher were documented with the riparian habitat nearby the project site, these species were not observed within the proposed project footprint. Arroyo toad was not documented in the nearby riparian habitat nor the project footprint during surveys.

20. Are these projects part of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)?

Bonsall Community Park is within the Draft North County MSCP. For more information on the Draft North County MSCP visit sdparks.org > Plans > Multiple Species Conservation Program > North County. To connect with someone, email mscp@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Facility Questions

21. What amenities will be built in Bonsall Community Park?

The amenities included in the final design plan for Bonsall Community Park reflect input received during public meetings, community planning sessions, outreach surveys – based on what is feasible following thorough site analysis. Top priorities for the community that are on track for construction include: Multi-use trails, fitness stations, a dog park, picnic areas, a play area, sports fields, multi-use courts, skate features, and a bicycle course.



22. Will there be restrooms?

Yes. There will be two restrooms, including ADA stalls, which will be maintained by park staff.

23. What are the park hours?

The park will be open from sunrise until sunset, seven days a week. The gates will be locked at all other times.

24. What maintenance will be done at the site before the park opens?

DPR staff is providing general park maintenance which includes mowing, tree/shrub maintenance, storm water management and erosion control, protection of natural and cultural resources, debris removal, graffiti abatement, and enforcement of all DPR codes and policies.

25. Will there be a disc golf course?

While not feasible at this location given the current design plan, we are looking to include disc golf at the neighboring Rio Prado Park site.

26. Will there be rugby fields?

Currently there are no plans to incorporate rugby fields at any SLR parks. Rugby was not one of the top amenities requested in public meetings, community planning sessions or outreach surveys. DPR fields will be multi- use, so if new activities are proposed by the community, they could potentially be accommodated within County and DPR policy.

27. Are the fields going to have lighting?

We are looking into the possibility of field lighting. Any lighting will be directed away from the river and will be designed in a manner that is sensitive to the Bonsall community night sky.

28. Will there be a splash pad or aquatic feature?

There are no plans to incorporate a splash pad or aquatic feature into Bonsall Community Park. This was not listed as a top amenity requested by the community during the public outreach process.

29. Will shade be provided?

Yes, shade structures will be added throughout the park. Materials will be durable and designed to match the character of the park and the greater Bonsall community. Existing mature trees along with newly planting trees will provide additional shade throughout the park.