

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

General Questions

1. Where is the San Luis Rey River Park (SLRRP)?

The San Luis Rey River Park runs approximately nine miles along the San Luis Rey River, south of State Route 76, from Oceanside to Interstate 15.

2. When did the County complete the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan and what did it call for?

A master plan was approved in 2008 with a vision to create a “dynamic open space legacy balancing recreation and preservation, restoration, and interpretation of the San Luis Rey River’s outstanding biological and cultural resources.” The approved master plan called for active and passive recreation nodes, a network of multi-use trails, preserved open space, and staging areas. To read the master plan visit sdparks.org > Plans > Development Projects > San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan

3. What projects are part of the San Luis Rey River Park?

Currently there are 3 active projects within the San Luis Rey River Park. This includes two Active Rec Sites: Bonsall Community Park (formerly known as SLR Downs) & Rio Prado Park (formerly known as SLR Dulin) that may include traditional park amenities like ballfields and playgrounds. The Middle ROW trail is also underway and will provide 1.5 miles of trail from the Bonsall bridge through the right-of-way of SR-76.

4. How much land has been acquired so far?

The SLRRP Master Plan calls for 1600 acres open space preserve, 40 acres of active recreation, and over 20 miles of trails. To date the County owns 548 acres of open space, with 405 acres of Caltrans mitigation land to be acquired in the next several years. The County also owns the SLR Dulin and Rio Prado Park sites that form 124 acres of active recreation within the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan area.

5. What outreach has been done so far for San Luis Rey River Park?

The SLRRP Master Plan had extensive outreach starting in 2005. This included four public meetings, Master Plan Advisory Group meetings, multiple focus group meetings, and written surveys. The first design public meeting for the Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park was held on 4/29/19 to receive community input on desired amenities/programs and identify community concerns that should be considered when designing these two park sites. There will be a second public meeting later in the summer of 2019 to present concept plans for each active recreation site and receive further community input.

6. How can I stay informed?

The County will send save-the-date flyers to residents and businesses within a 1.5-mile radius of each project site before each public meeting. DPR will also continue to work with Community Sponsor/Planning Groups, and may post event announcements on social media (Facebook and

Twitter). To learn more about this project, and other DPR development projects, visit sdparks.org > Plans > Development Projects.

7. What is happening with the nearby Ocean Breeze Ranch Development?

The County's Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff are reviewing the Ocean Breeze Ranch development project. The environmental document for this project will be released in 2019. Staff, and the applicant, attended the May 7 Bonsall Community Sponsor Group meeting to discuss the architecture of the subdivision and to discuss parks and trails proposed for the project. Please refer to the PDS Project Manager, Bronwyn Brown, with any additional questions at 858-495-5516 or Bronwyn.Brown@sdcountry.ca.gov.

Traffic/Safety Questions

8. What security will SLRRP have?

DPR park rangers patrol the area regularly. DPR also partners with 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.

9. What will be done about homeless encampments?

DPR park rangers patrol this area regularly. If a homeless encampment is found on DPR land or on an adjacent property, the encampment size and location is documented. If an encampment is not on DPR land, DPR informs the property owner and connects the property owner with homeless resource organizations. If an encampment is on DPR park land, the occupants are informed that unpermitted camping is prohibited. DPR staff then coordinates with homeless resource organizations to offer resources to the occupants. After services are offered, DPR posts a notice to vacate. If the occupants do not cooperate, DPR coordinates with the local law enforcement agency to assist and on occasion, these interactions also involve support from the County's Health and Human Services Agency.

Trail Questions

10. How many trails will be in San Luis Rey River Park?

The San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan identifies approximately 20 miles of planned trails.

11. When will the trails open?

The number of trails that are open for use will depend on the availability of funds for trail development. Eventually our goal is to connect all of the trails within SLRRP.

12. What user groups will be using the trails?

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. Motorized vehicles will not be permitted.

13. What material will be the trails be?

Trail construction, in general, will be based on the location of the trail and performed in a manner that is consistent with DPR trail standards. Trails will be soft surface, native soil or decomposed granite.

14. Will there be loop trails?

Loop trails will be provided, where feasible.

Parking/Staging Areas

15. How many staging areas will be included?

We are currently investigating appropriate sites for staging areas large enough to accommodate both cars and horse trailers.

16. Will there be parking?

Each active recreation site, Bonsall Community Park and Rio Prado Park, will have sufficient parking. The exact number of spaces will be determined during the design phase.

Environmental Questions

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

The Rio Prado Park Active Recreation Site was anticipated in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the San Luis Rey River Park Master Plan. The project will be examined to make sure it is adequately covered in the PEIR to determine if additional CEQA analysis is required. The Bonsall Community Park Active Recreation Site was not anticipated in the PEIR for the Master Plan. The project will be examined to determine the appropriate CEQA document and analysis.

18. 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, California gnatcatcher and arroyo toad. Environmental surveys will take place to determine if any of these species are present.

19. Is San Luis Rey River Park part of the MSCP?

The San Luis Rey River Park is within the Draft North County MSCP.