

San Diego County Parks Society

Fall 2020



Unreserved picnic tables are reopening at county parks. Other amenities, such as barbecues, remain closed.

COVID-19 Restrictions Easing

As San Diego County teeters between California's purple ("widespread") and red ("substantial") reopening tiers, county park facilities are reopening with new rules and capacity limits in place.

Visiting a park is a relatively low-risk activity if you take appropriate precautions.

"Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy," according to the Centers for Disease Control website. "People can visit parks, trails, and open spaces as a way to relieve stress, get some fresh air, and stay active."

In county parks, parking lots, restrooms, drinking fountains, hiking trails, and unreserved picnic tables are generally open.

Barbecues, exercise equipment, and reservable

picnic areas remain closed.

Sports fields and courts are open for solo activities and games played between members of the same household.

Nature centers and historical buildings are open at 25 percent capacity, and community centers are open at 10 percent capacity.

Playgrounds are open with capacity limitations. Additionally, children should wash their hands before and after using play equipment.

"Playgrounds can be hard to keep safe because ... the virus that causes COVID-19 can spread when young children touch contaminated objects, and then touch their eyes, nose, or mouth," warns the CDC website.

Visit sdparks.org for up-to-date information about rules

Parks Society 'Reinvigorated' After Training

The Parks Society board of directors completed five weeks of online training with the National Association of Park Foundations.

During training, the board drafted a new mission statement and an ambitious strategic plan focused on the areas of public relations, board governance, and fund development.

Although COVID-19 thwarted the original idea for a one-day, in-person summit, board members liked the virtual format and are looking forward to putting their plans into action.

"When [President Harold Hambrice] mentioned the reinvigoration of the society, it sounded insurmountable," said Secretary-Treasurer Christine Stontz. "Now it sounds like a real plan that's broken down into steps we can accomplish."

Mission Statement

"To support San Diego County Parks and Recreation goals, activities, and programs, and to preserve and enhance cultural, community, and natural resources through charitable contributions."



Parks and Rec Brings Summer Movie Fun to Homes

The Summer Movies in the Park series offers free movie screenings in parks throughout the county.

The event is wildly popular; more than three hundred thousand people have attended over the past 12 years.

In 2020, concerns about COVID-19 put a pause on large gatherings, and the screenings were canceled.

Instead, San Diego County Parks and Recreation helped

families recreate some movie magic at home with free printable activity kits.

Each of the six activity kits is themed around a different movie and provides instructions for a craft, such as a rubber band guitar (for *Trolls World Tour*) or a T-shirt chew toy (for *The Secret Life of Pets*).

Each kit also includes a recipe for a thematic snack, such as frozen hot chocolate

(for *Frozen II*) or Poké Ball pizza (for *Pokémon Detective Pikachu*).

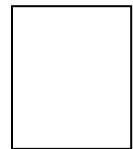
Families who participated this summer could enter to win an outdoor movie projector, sponsored by Rose SD Realty.

Although summer is over, you can download the kits at summermoviesinthepark.com.

Movies are expected to return to county parks next summer.



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