

## Memorial County Park

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Park Headquarters 650-879-0238  
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### San Mateo County Parks

Reservations 650-363-4021  
General information 650-363-4020  
[www.SMCoParks.org](http://www.SMCoParks.org)

The Department manages parks, trails, and historic sites to preserve public lands and provide opportunities for education and recreation. The system's properties include parks, preserves, trails, and historic sites located throughout the County and encompassing more than 17,000 acres.

The parks represent our region's wondrously diverse natural settings, from rugged tidepools, lush mountain forests, and remote campsites to Bayfront shoreline, sunny picnic areas, and popular playgrounds.

The Department sells annual passes, offering unlimited entrances to all County Parks for a year.

### Support your parks

You can volunteer to help rangers protect and improve parklands and serve park visitors.

The San Mateo County Parks Foundation raises funds to improve the quality of County Parks for our community. For information, visit [www.SupportParks.org](http://www.SupportParks.org).

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## A San Mateo County Park



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The old-growth forests of Memorial County Park have been favorite family camping grounds for generations. This popular park has trails, campsites, group camps, a visitor center, nature trails, and 673 acres to explore.

Acquired by the County in 1924, Memorial is the oldest County park. It is dedicated to the San Mateo County servicemen who died in World War I.

Memorial, along with Sam McDonald, Heritage Grove, and Pescadero Creek comprise the vast Pescadero Creek Park Complex. The complex totals 8,020 acres and includes some of the Santa Cruz Mountain's most stunning redwood forests.



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### Natural features

This park is primarily magnificent forests of coast redwood and Douglas-fir, with a lush understory of huckleberry, ferns, redwood sorrel, horsetail, and wildflowers.

A number of creeks within the Park provide riparian habitat. Pescadero Creek provides winter habitat for steelhead trout as they migrate upstream to spawn.

Wildlife often sighted in the Park includes Steller's jays, acorn woodpeckers, western gray squirrels, raccoons, skunks, and banana slugs.



### Activities and facilities

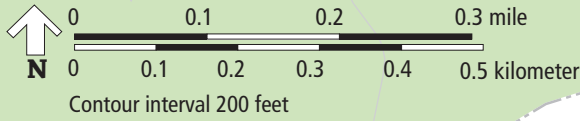
More than eight miles of **hiking trails** lead through a diversity of habitats from Pescadero Creek, through the redwoods, and to the 680' summit of Mt. Ellen. The self-guided Mt. Ellen Nature Trail offers a short and easy interpretive loop. The western loop of the Pomponio Trail provides wonderful panoramic views.

Memorial County Park is open year-round for camping, picnicking and youth group activities. Near the park entrance, a **camp store** (open seasonally) offers camping supplies, groceries, and firewood. Check park kiosks for current **campfire programs**, nature programs, and naturalist walks.

The Park offers many **redwood campsites** with restrooms, water, and coin-operated showers (subject to water availability), as well as a limited number of sites that can accommodate **recreational vehicles** up to 35' in length (no hook-ups).

Memorial also includes **drop-in picnic sites**, as well as **group picnic** and **group camping sites** that are available by reservation.

To make reservations, visit [www.SMCoParks.org](http://www.SMCoParks.org) or call 650-363-4021.



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	Multiple-use road (bicycle/equestrian/hiking)		Picnic area
	Hiking/equestrian trail		Group picnic area (by reservation)
	Hiking trail		Campground (by reservation)
	Whole-access trail		Group campground (by reservation)
	Trail distance (miles)		Youth group campground (by reservation)
	Numbered trail junctions		Gatehouse
	Parking		Ranger station and visitor center
	Restrooms		Camp store
	Gate		Amphitheater
	Overlook		Bridge (year-round)
	Other public lands		Summer footbridge (removed in winter)
	Private property		

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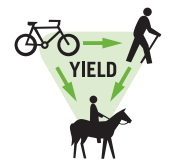


## Park hours and use

- Hours** The park open at 8am. Closing time changes seasonally, and is posted.
- Pets** Pets are not allowed in the park.
- Fires** Barbeques are allowed only in barbeque pits using charcoal; no portable barbeques. Campfires are subject to fire risk conditions; campers receive campfire instructions upon entering Memorial Park.
- Smoking** No smoking in County Parks, on trails, or at historical sites.
- Please protect the park's natural environment and do not disturb or remove any plants or animals.**

## Trails

- Tan Oak Nature Trail** 0.4 mile
- Wurr Trail** 0.5 mile
- Trillium Nature Trail** 1.0 mile
- Mt. Ellen Summit Trail** 1.6 miles
- Pomponio Canyon Trail** 3.2 miles



- Hikers, runners, bicyclists, and equestrians share these trails. Please be alert and courteous to all trail users.
  - Bicyclists always yield to other trail users.
  - Weather conditions may cause seasonal trail closures.
- For more trail information and routes, visit [www.SMCoParks.org](http://www.SMCoParks.org).