



Parks Provide Diverse Experiences

Parks and greenspaces allow residents to enjoy a diversity of experiences relating to the natural world.

Many community residents use our local, regional, and even state parks on a daily or weekly basis. On any given day, park visitors include parents with strollers enjoying a walk, joggers with dogs on their leashes getting exercise, or families with coolers and the fixings for a great barbeque. Rarely do we think of all of the other visitors to our parks who enjoy other amenities.

Parks provide a much-needed opportunity for recreational experiences. Often the amenities that are most unnoticed are those that are most used. For example, visitors of all ages enjoy playing a game of pickup basketball. First time anglers can be found at local lakes learning the ropes about casting, flies, and how to reel in a big fish. Wide-eyed children can see some of our native wildlife in the Orange County Zoo.

Tidepoolers, surfers, and those who enjoy building sand castles also get quality experiences with our ocean park environments. Some visitors enjoy a train ride, a horseback ride, or swinging on playground equipment. Yoga and tai chi students can find their inner strength and peace on the manicured grasses of our parks' greenspaces.

If you are seeking interesting, new, and nearby experiences, look no further than our local parks and beaches. Parks, with their many amenities, offer families and individuals of all interests, opportunities that they may not have had the chance to experience elsewhere. And the good news is that parks are also affordable and close to home.

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