

Foothills Park General Information

Welcome to Foothills Park, one of Palo Alto's Open Space nature preserves. To ensure that you and your party have a safe and enjoyable time, please note some of most common rules and regulations described below. If you have more questions, please talk to a ranger or call the park at 650-329-2423.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

- Foothills Park is open to Palo Alto residents and their accompanied guests only. Proof of residency is required.
- Each Palo Alto resident may be accompanied by up to 15 non-resident guests, but without a reservation your group size is limited to 24 adults and children. See below for more information.

GROUPS AND GUEST LISTS

- Groups may not exceed 24 adults and children, residents and non-residents included.
- Small groups of 24 or fewer adults and children may submit guest lists to the rangers at the entrance station on the day of your gathering. The small group guest lists may not be submitted in advance, and must be given to a ranger in person.
- The guest list must include all members of your party expected to attend: you and your family, other resident guests, non-resident guests, and all children. The total number of your party, residents and non-residents, adults and children, may not exceed 24.
- There must be one (1) resident per 15 non-residents, children included.
- Groups of 25 or more must obtain a written permit in advance or reserve Oak Grove Picnic Area in advance.
- Guest lists for reserved areas must be submitted one week in advance of the reservation.

TRAILS AND ROADS

- Stay on lawns, roads and marked trails only. Marked trails appear on our trail maps.
- Please stay off unmarked trails. Do not make the problem worse.

FIRES, BARBECUES, AND GRILLS

- Only charcoal may be used in the provided barbecues.
- Burning wood is prohibited. Collecting wood is prohibited.
- Personal and portable grills, whether gas or charcoal, are not permitted.

DOGS

- Dogs are allowed in Foothills Park on weekdays only. They must be leashed and under physical control at all times.
- Dogs may not enter the park on weekends and city holidays. They may not be left in a car. See below for a list of city holidays.

FISHING AND BOATING ON BORONDA LAKE

- Fishing is permitted with a valid California fishing license. All California State Fish and Game rules apply.
- Non-motorized, hand-launched watercraft are permitted. Inner tubes and inflatable rafts are not permitted. Per state law, there must be a flotation device for each person in the watercraft.
- No swimming or wading.
- The lake closes one half hour before park closing.

PARKING

- Park only in designated areas or off the roadway. Two vehicles, including emergency vehicles such as fire trucks, must be able to pass side-by-side where you park.

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OTHER

- No smoking anywhere in Open Space.
- Do not feed the wildlife, including the ducks on Boronda Lake.
- Remote-controlled devices are not permitted in Open Space.
- Generators and items requiring generators are not allowed.
- Amplified music is allowed but is not to be heard outside your immediate area so others using the park are not disturbed.
- Bicycles are permitted on paved roads only, and not on trails. All riders must wear helmets.
- Coasting devices such as skateboards and scooters are not permitted.
- Please remember that Foothills Park is a nature preserve. If you are considering a non-typical park use, please call park staff in advance to inquire if it is allowed or appropriate.

2015 PARK HOURS

Foothills Park opens every day at 8:00 a.m. and closes at sundown. Your event must be cleaned up one half hour before park closing time. All visitors must exit the park before park closing.

2015 DATES	CLEANUP FINISHED	PARK CLOSES / ALL EXIT BEFORE
January 1 – January 16	5:00 pm	5:30 pm
January 17 – February 13	5:30 pm	6:00 pm
February 14 – March 7	6:00 pm	6:30 pm
March 8 – April 17	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
April 18 – May 15	8:00 pm	8:30 pm
May 16 – August 2	8:30 pm	9:00 pm
August 3 – August 30	7:00 pm	8:30 pm
August 31 – September 20	7:30 pm	8:00 pm
September 21 – October 4	7:00 pm	7:30 pm
October 5– October 31	6:30 pm	7:00 pm
November 1 - December 31	5:00 pm	5:30 pm

CITY HOLIDAYS

Dogs may not enter Foothills Park on weekends or these city holidays:

- New Year's Day, January 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 3rd Monday in January
- President's Day, 3rd Monday in February
- Memorial Day, last Monday in May
- Independence Day, July 4
- Labor Day, first Monday in September
- Columbus Day, 2nd Monday in October
- Veteran's Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving, 4th Thursday and Friday in November
- Christmas, December 25