

# LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY PARK

## ABOUT THE PARK

The 68-acre site contains a diverse array of topography, wildlife and recreation opportunities. The south end of the park contains facilities and equipment that support active use while the central portion and north end support more passive use. Activities include field sports, playing on a variety of playground equipment, picnicking, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking and communing with nature.

## GEOGRAPHY

Las Trampas Creek has formed a narrow meandering strip with steep-sided banks along the western edge of the site, and Grizzly Creek runs along the northern edge. Remnants of walnut and pear orchards still remain. The rolling hills form the highest ground and support a variety of vegetative communities, including well-developed oak woodlands, open grasslands and two eucalyptus groves.

## AMENITIES

The 68-acre park features: two grass sports fields for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, sports clinics and camps; two batting cages; a children's playground (divided for younger and older children); a group picnic area (with barbeques); Pétanque courts; restrooms; footbridges; nearly 3 miles of multi-use trails; and two paved parking lots.

## HISTORY

Native Americans, Mexican ranchers, and early farmers took advantage of the area's fertile land and water supply. As the Bay Area grew in the 1950's, the California Dept. of Transportation (Caltrans) purchased the land for a freeway between Oakland and Pleasant Hill. Due to strong local opposition, this plan was dropped and, in 1983, the City purchased the 8-acre Burton School property and 68 acres of Caltrans property for the Lafayette Community Center and Community Park.

## PARK AND TRAIL ETIQUETTE AND RULES

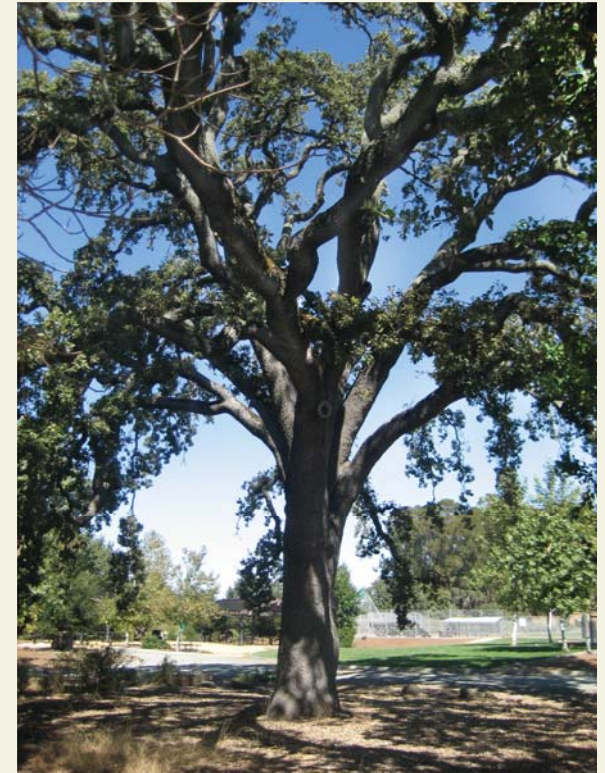
- The hours of the park are from dawn to dusk.
- Use of sports fields, Group Picnic Area and batting cages is by permit only. For a use permit, apply at the Parks, Trails & Recreation Dept. Office, 500 St. Mary's road, Lafayette.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted.
- Dogs must be on a leash and under the control of their owners at all times. Dogs and horses are not permitted on the sports fields.
- Dog excrement and all trash must be put in trash cans or carried out of the park.
- Motor vehicles, including motorbikes, are permitted in the parking area only.
- Fires are not permitted anywhere in the park except in a barbecue unit approved by permit.
- Any games or activities such as golf, model airplanes, rocketry, or anything likely to endanger property or sports field users are not permitted.
- Plants and wildlife are protected by laws. Firearms, hunting, shooting and fireworks are not permitted.
- All requirements and enforcement provisions of the Lafayette municipal code, title 11 chapter 1, sections 11-101 through 11-504, apply to use of the community park and the sports fields. A copy of the park ordinance, which contains all the park rules, is available at the Parks, Trails & Recreation Office located at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 Saint Mary's Rd.

## EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE CONTACTS

POLICE DISPATCH: 925.284.5010

PUBLIC WORKS: 925.934.3908

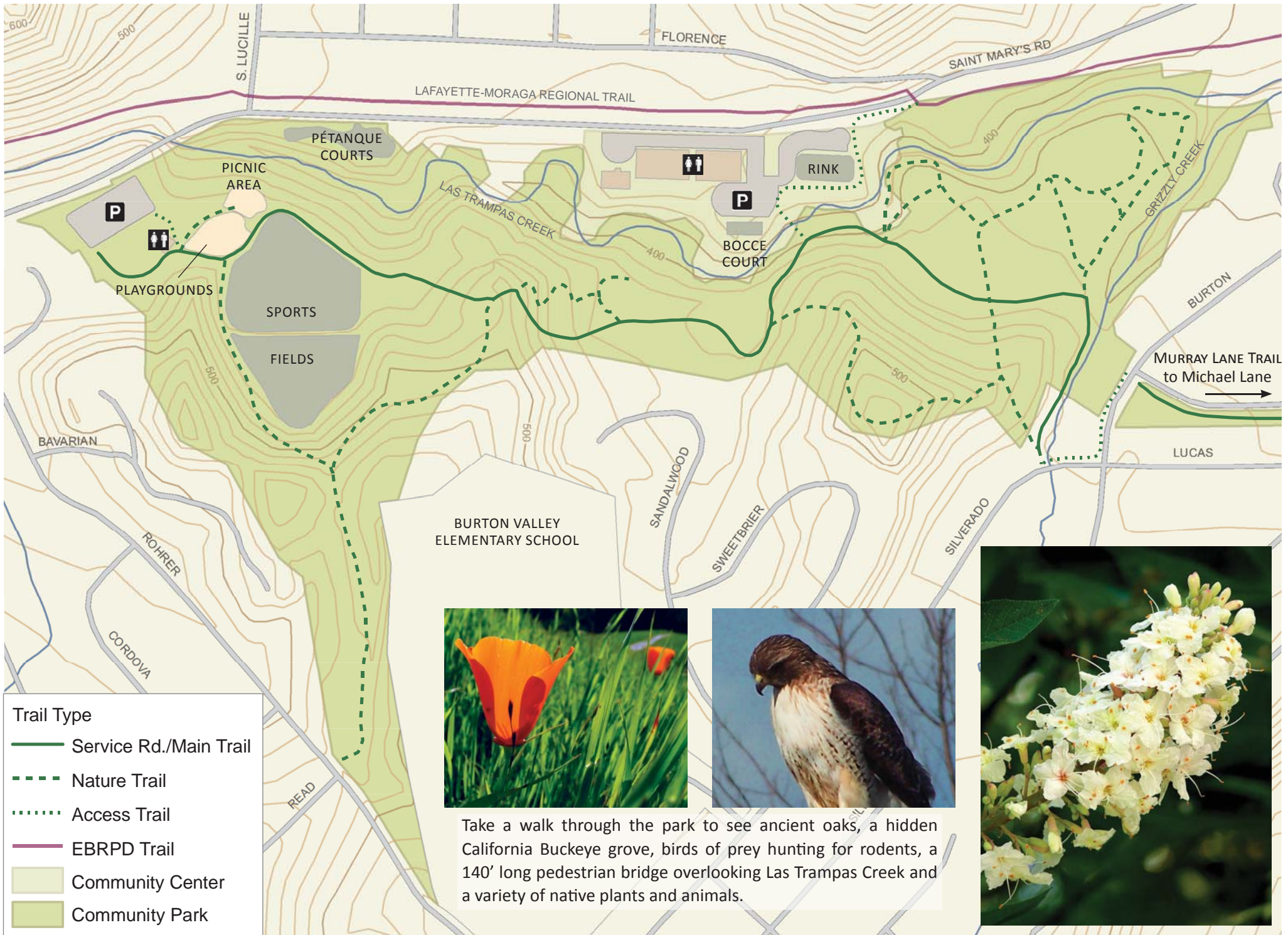
PARKS, TRAILS & REC. DEPT: 925.284.2232









480 SAINT MARY'S ROAD



**CITY OF LAFAYETTE**  
**PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION DEPT.**



**Trail Type**

-  Service Rd./Main Trail
-  Nature Trail
-  Access Trail
-  EBRPD Trail
-  Community Center
-  Community Park



Take a walk through the park to see ancient oaks, a hidden California Buckeye grove, birds of prey hunting for rodents, a 140' long pedestrian bridge overlooking Las Trampas Creek and a variety of native plants and animals.

