INTERACTIVE MAP SUMMARY
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Introduction

This document summarizes the results of the online interactive mapping exercise implemented by MIG for the City of Palo Alto’s Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Plan (Parks Plan). The interactive map provides an opportunity for all park users (residents, visitors, employees, etc.) to share their on-the-ground knowledge about what works and what doesn’t in the park system today.

Tool Description

The interactive map is a web-based application developed by Mapita, a spinoff of a research group at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland, for use in social science research around the quality of environments and specific ideas for improvements. Following extensive testing of the technology and methodology, Mapita partnered with MIG to make this tool available to enrich community input processes in North America.

This tool represents a revolution in identifying specific locations referenced by respondents in their answers to a wide range of questions. Answers to questions are marked directly onto an online map (in an interface made familiar by ubiquitous services such as Google Maps, Bing Maps and Mapquest). This approach allows for questions to be asked about specific places within the city that respondents know or care about the most.

The interactive map tool is one part of an overall outreach strategy for Palo Alto’s Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. Participation in this piece of the outreach strategy was encouraged through broadcast email, signs posted at all Palo Alto park sites and flyers at community facilities. The tool is mobile device friendly and all advertising included QR codes and links to facilitate people responding while they were at park sites.

Use of Results
The results of this interactive questionnaire are detailed and place-specific. The tool was designed to gather the community’s collective knowledge about the state of the system, challenges and opportunities. However, not all locations received the same amount of attention (some popular sites had hundreds of responses while others had few or none). Additionally, while some questions in this interactive map tool take the form of traditional survey questions, this is not intended to be a representative sampling of opinions across the community. The primary use of these responses will be as inputs for further analysis of the park system. Ideas and opportunities uncovered in this effort will make their way into recommendations for park sites or the entire system, which will be evaluated by the community later in the process.

Respondents

A total of 487 responses were recorded between July 1 and September 6, 2014. While participants were encouraged to come back to the map to add ideas, none of the respondents indicated they were returning. For this reason the 487 responses are considered to be the number of respondents and this number is used in calculating percentages below. Where respondents skipped questions, percentages do not add up to 100%.

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- One additional “Other” option was offered in the race question, details are included in appendix of open ended responses.

Each respondent was asked to self-identify where they lived by indicating which park is closest to home. Map 1 illustrates the distribution of these points. Overall points were well distributed across the system, showing responses from north and south Palo Alto. Off of the map, seven respondents indicated that Foothills Park or Arastradero Preserve were the closest to home.
Map 1: Location of Park Closest to Home
System-Wide Findings

The interactive map tool is particularly good at identifying location-specific ideas and problems. However, looked at as a whole, the responses illustrate an important picture of the entire system. The key questions in the interactive map, summarized to the system-wide level, are presented below.

Map “Pins”

The interactive map tool asked respondents to mark six types of points using the following questions:

- Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
- Pick your one favorite park
- Place the point on the park closest to your home
- Parks and places I like
- Park problems/opportunities
- Mark and barriers on the map.

The number of pins dropped for each park is summarized in the table below. The counts are based on the number of points within 200 feet of the boundary of the park in order to capture barriers and points that fall outside of but are associated with the park site. As a follow-up question respondents were asked to rate the overall quality of the park. The average of these responses is presented in the first column of the table.

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The specifics of the problems/opportunities and barriers are examined on a site-by-site basis later in this summary. The system-wide view of one of these points is particularly interesting. Map 2 illustrates the types of barriers indicated by respondents across the city.
The first set of questions related to the park respondents indicated as closest to their home. The use of these close to home parks is particularly important to understand as they are often the recreation opportunity that is within walking distance and is most frequently visited.

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<td>Walk, jog or run</td>
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<td>Relax, read, just enjoy being outdoors</td>
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<td>Get together with friends or family</td>
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<td>Play sports</td>
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How do you usually get there? Check all that apply.

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Respondents were also asked to draw the route they most often take from their home to the closest park. This tool was only available to those completing the survey on a computer (rather than a mobile device) but 240 of the respondents provided a route on the map. Map 3, below, illustrates the route density across the system. Where lines overlap the color darkens. The darkest sections of line represent the most intensity of travel to parks. Since 78% of respondents indicated they frequently walk and 26% indicated frequently biking (above), these most travelled routes represent important bike and walking routes.
Site by Site Findings

For each park in Palo Alto's inventory, results have been summarized in tabular and visual forms. The site-specific summary of the overall quality rating as well as the number of points for each of the questions summarized above is repeated for reference. Respondents who indicated this was the park closest to their home were asked about what activities they engage in at this site. These responses, along with a summary of specific ideas for improvements are provided below along with a visual representation of the problems/opportunities and barriers mentioned by respondents. Where no information was provided, either tables or maps were excluded (noted in text).
# City Parks

## Baylands Athletic Center

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**What do you typically do at this park? Check all that apply.**

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*Other: please be specific. Responses included:*

- Biking

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**

- Smooth out the path on the back side of the airport.
Bridge too narrow, many bikes, people and cars crossing with very poor visibility.

Hard for bucket bikes to fit thru bike bridge over 101 & dangerous biking out to bay and airport between bike bridge and designated path.

Barriers on Oregon/101 bike-ped overcrossing. There are also barriers on the Bol Park path but I don’t know where.

The growth of foxtail, with its barbed seeds, can injure dogs who walk the paths of the baylands park. Would be great if this plant could be controlled in some way along the paths. Would also be great if a dog run could be set up in the baylands!!!
The airport is awfully run down. Looks like it's not being taken care of. Overgrown, dips and cracks in the cement, old buildings. This could be a lot better for non-pilots.

Decent bathrooms would be nice here. The outhouse at the duck pond is a bit sketchy.

You should make this area (closed dump) into an off leash dog park. It already has a fence around it and you just have to put in water and trash can. There are bathrooms already out there.

Why not put a multi acre dog park here?

The former dump needs to include recreation options that are green and kid oriented.
### Bol Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:

- Dog walking
- Birthday parties
- Visit the donkeys
- Community events

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

- Soft surfaces to run on
- Twilight concerts
- Bathrooms
- More picnic areas
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Trimming dead limbs on trees
- Café-type refreshment and seating area
I see that it looks like there is space to potentially extend the bike path, extending from where I put the marker to El Camino where it would be possible to connect it to park avenue, another great bike street.

Bathroom would be nice

Are there restrooms here? If not, would be great to have.

I believe that there should be improved dog parks at all Palo Alto Parks that have Astro Turf and are as well designed as the dog Park on San Antonio in Mountain View - Village green.

People run their dogs loose on the school grounds a LOT. Many people have turned the fully fenced-in front yard into a de facto dog run. This should either officially be made into a dog park when school is not in session...

The paths need smoothing. They are rutted and bumpy from age and roots. The exit onto Miranda is especially difficult to navigate and with the new Gunn driveway, this exit will become trickier.

We feel strongly that there needs to be a safe, large grassy area for LITTLE dogs to play off-leash.

I wish it had a bathroom and a legal place for dogs to be off leash.

I grew up across the street from this park - my window used to look onto it. It needs a bathroom! Kids and teenagers at night - they urinate everywhere. Other than that, it’s perfect.

This otherwise-unused field at Gunn is an unofficial dog park for off leash dogs & socializing. People who utilize it seem to be very responsible with their dogs, but they know they’re breaking the law and would prefer to not do so...

I see that the bike path is too close to the VA building. It’s right in front of the entrance into the VA parking lot. This path is very steep and has lots of slippery gravel.

This exit is poorly designed and difficult to navigate.

It’s hard when your biking along the bol path and want to get on to Arastradero path, it always takes a long time and doesn’t feel safe.

Bikers are not careful of pedestrians along bike path; dogs run off leash

There is no bike lane to the bike path

Bikers are not careful of pedestrians and merging at blind corner as they enter the park

When exiting the Terman Park bike path onto Arastradero, there is no safe way to turn left on Arastradero to be on the correct side of the street when biking towards Gunn/Los Altos Hills.

The bike lanes by Gunn are scary and horrible. Who cares if cars have to wait (sometimes I’ll be in one of them), I go onto the narrow sidewalks by Gunn which is also counterproductive because the traffic is too heavy, aggressive, and fast...
Boulware Park

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- Bring kids to play: 5
- Play sports: 1
- Relax, read, just enjoy being outdoors: 2
- Walk, jog or run: 1
- Get together with friends or family: 2

Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking
- Host birthday parties
- Birdwatching

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Update equipment
- Bathrooms
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Restrict parking on edges of park
- Increase frequency of cleaning
- Make it safer
Bowden Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Bathrooms
- Play structures for older kids
- More picnic areas
Bowling Green Park

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**Cogswell Plaza**

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:

- Use the bus stop

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
Cogswell Plaza

roundabout with stop signs only in one direction confuses bike riders and cars – it isn’t a true rotary but it looks like one.

backup exit diagonal parking makes the Bike Boulevard dangerous and awkward in this block.

Aggressive pedestrians

No bike lanes in downtown, hard for families to bike

the train tracks, and no good access from CalTrain underpasses. What's the plan?

Cogswell Plaza

not very linger friendly (although it's better than it used to be), a more multi-use paving pattern would help, as would a small play structure to bring kids. Many visitors to University Ave ask if a park is nearby

Too many homeless people spending days there

This park has a lot of potential, but I often feel unsafe there due to the types of people that often hang out in the park.

Panhandlers can be too pushy

Even though this was just redesigned, it’s not a great or a beautiful public space. It needs better paving design, better seating areas, better plantings and a much more thought out water feature. The whole place looks tacky.
## El Camino Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Biking
- Parties

### Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Reward the fantastic grounds crew
- Build a parcouse
This is a dangerous intersection with a busy street and fast traffic. Let's connect Palo Alto with Stanford safely for commuters, shoppers and recreation via walking, running and biking.

Roundabout with stop signs only in one direction confuses bike riders and cars - it isn't a true rotary but it looks like one.

The train tracks, and no good access from CalTrain underpasses. What's the plan?

Walkway / bikeway along El Camino has been closed much too long. The project to upgrade that path should be accelerated to complete earlier than late 2015.

Tunnel - surface crossing is safer.

No sidewalk!!

Construction - can't bike through the park

The sidewalk condition and paving areas at the mouth of the park could use some sprucing up, especially the segment near the train tracks. It looks overgrown, and could be widened (ie to accommodate two strollers side by side).

There are no dog runs in North Palo Alto. Friends who live in this area have to drive to Menlo Park to exercise their dogs off-leash.

When will this reopen? And when can we bike off ECR along this frontage - it is an important link from the train station to Palo Alto Ave and the Alma bike path in Menlo Park. And what's the plan for biker/ped access from DTN and other neighborhoods?

It seems very idle; let us use it as a dog park.

Dog park! There are no dog areas close to downtown Palo Alto.

Always under construction!!!

Can't wait to see this site get refurbished and brought back to use for the community.

Access to it is a bit difficult by bike for most families so I hope that the drop-off/pick-up and parking is well designed.

Wish this was open. It's been ongoing construction for years.
Eleanor Pardee Park

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- Dog walking

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Bathrooms
- Fix drainage in parking lot
- Slow down traffic
- Create better habitats for local birds

No specific “Barriers” were described.
El Palo Alto Park

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Construction - can’t bike through the park

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- Dog walking

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- More trees
- More trashcans
- Charge fees for non-residents
Barriers on Oregon/101 bike-ped overcrossing. There are also barriers on the Bol Park path but I don’t know where.

Bike bridge has gates which prevent bike trailers or tandem bikes from using it.

It’s 101 to be exact. I live on Greer next to creek would love to be able to walk down creek to baylands.

it would be fantastic to be able to get to the baylands by going along matadero creek.

Lot's of people come to Greer Park during weekend, generating a lot of smoke doing barbeque (even on a spare the air day), also leaving tons of trash behind. No rules to make them behave better??

Parking is often a problem, potholes everywhere on soccer fields. Terrible and dangerous playing surface. Synthetic turf fields would benefit both residents and outside special events and tournaments.

The dog park is a joke, this is a huge park and there could be a wonderful place for local people and their dogs.

The people that come and play LOUD MUSIC in the picnic area. A park should be a place for sports, nature, relaxing.

Safety and strange people hanging out there

While there is a dog area it's kind of a terrible dog area. It's small and really sunny and hot and it smells...

The dog park here is too small and could use a bench inside amongst the trees so we can sit with our dogs. Also, I notice across the street by the power station there is a large grassy area.

Dog run here is a joke! For a place with this much area the sq footage allocated for dogs is inadequate.

Dog run here is too tiny and barely usable. Could an area near the Skate bowl @Colorado & W Bayshore be possible?

There is a strong smell of urine if you walk down the path to the right of the skate park and past the dog area. It is very unpleasant.


Could this grassy area be setup as a dog run. Even though it is near the power station which is probably not good health wise, it might work as a dog area since we will be there for short periods of time. Plant some trees and put in some benches too.

add lighting for unofficial pedestrian underpass across the freeway. This creek provides direct access to baylands trails. It can be made safer without making it an official trail.
Heritage Park

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- Dog walking

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- More seating / benches
- More shaded areas
- Show movies against the wall of unused buildings
- Dog play area (off-leash) for bigger dogs
- Make it bigger
- Bathrooms

There are no bathrooms in this important park. Adults can hold it but what are kids supposed to do? It’s far enough from shopping that it’s hard to walk somewhere.

A bike trail for kids surrounding all the big grass area. Need bathrooms. Need more picnic tables.

Almost every park I visit is during a walk with my dogs. This park has only one water fountain, near Homer and Bryant. I would like to see another one on Waverly Street. In addition, as an accommodation to people with dogs, I would like to see spigots.

Easily accessible though it lacks the amenities I need!

Safety problem! The majority of visits are from children under 5. The large play structure does not have sufficient safety rails on the stairs that lead to the slide. These need to be lower rails, preferably horizontal so children don’t fall.

Almost no one stops. Need flashing lights that pedestrians can press maybe.

Marked crossing but almost no one stops. Need flashing lights that pedestrians can press maybe.

Needs bathroom access. Needs to feel more enclosed like a neighborhood gathering spot.

No public restroom (or at least I didn’t find it), making it hard for small kids or elderly to enjoy.

We have walked through Scott park when homeless are urinating there.

Heritage Park and Scott Park
## Hoover Park

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- Bring dogs to play
- Dog walking
- Girl Scout events
- Little League
- Remove invasive plants and pick up garbage

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- More exercise equipment
- Remove bathrooms
- More picnic tables
- Make the dog park a more welcoming space – plant grass, add lighting, provide water and refuse bags, expand the size
- Update and expand athletic facilities and play equipment
- Picnic tables
- Reduce traffic congestion around the park
The entrance to Hoover park on Middlefield Road needs a cross walk or light. I have asked the city about this before and they said it would be in place this year. Kids and parents jay walk all the time and it is dangerously dangerous.

Crossing Middlefield to get to the park is difficult. Seems like a crossing ought to be at the end of Sutter Ave. I see lots of people crossing there.

No cross walk between Colorado and Loma Verde.

No entry from Towle/Wellsbury way. Walking path is to be maintained by next door apartment complex as part of benefit. Not always in good order. Water drain at Middlefield is often blocked.

The ground cover (sand, dirt, rocks) in the dog run is bad for the dogs’ health and safety. It should be grass. It’s also hard to exercise even my medium-size dog (35 lb) in such a small run. It should be larger.

The sprinklers are putting too much water on the grass such that the city landscaping contractor cannot mow parts of the grass because the tractor/mower would sink into the ground.

The off-leash dog park at Hoover is too small and all dirt. Some people allow their dogs off leash in other areas of the park. Some minimal fencing would permit this off-leash use and make it safe for all.

Dog park could be bigger and have grass or heavenly greens installed.

Palo Alto could use a dog park!!!

We need more off-leash dog parks or areas for dogs to play off-leash when kids aren’t around.

Bigger dog park. Or close off the diamond for a couple of hours each day for dogs to run since they do anyway.

The grass area is often being used by school groups playing team sports. It becomes inaccessible to anyone who wants to use the park to walk or relax.

Kind of needs to be repaired in portions.

Dog run too shady, dirty and damp. Get rid of non-native Brazilian Pepper trees with their allergic properties and shedding.

Overall, there should be more dog parks!

Need a crosswalk near Sutter and Middlefield.

There is a new permanent baseball fence. How about making the grassy area outside the fence into a full-time or shared use dog park?
Hopkins Creekside Park

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- Dog walking
- Clear invasive plants and replace with native plants

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- Improve vegetation with native plants
- Remove the fence
- More benches
- Dim the lights around the creek
- Expand the park to the edge of the creek
All of the above. There is no safe way for north Palo Alto residents (particularly from the North Crescent Park area) to get to the one nearby grocery store - Willows Market - on Middlefield near Willow Rd.

This is a dangerous intersection with a busy street and fast traffic. Let's connect Palo Alto with Stanford safely for commuters, shoppers and recreation via walking, running and biking.

Construction - can't bike through the park

Poor road surface

Crossing Middlefield at Palo Alto Avenue is dangerous, there is no crosswalk or light. The sidewalk ends on the east side of Middlefield going north and becomes a narrow dirt path that is impassible with a bike or stroller.

The creek is such a vital and important part of the environment and north Palo Alto's character. But it needs maintenance. Trees are being strangled and killed by Ivy climbing up the trunks.

This is an accident prone spot for those who want to cross Middlefield Rd on Everett.

The sidewalk condition and paving areas at the mouth of the park could use some sprucing up, especially the segment near the train tracks. It looks overgrown, and could be widened (ie to accommodate two strollers side by side).

Please see my earlier comments about Timothy Hopkins park. This park could be an incredible resource for the people of Palo Alto but it is all but forgotten and over looked...
### Johnson Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking
- Eat dinner
- Gardening my plot

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Bathrooms
- Picnic tables
- Label the recycling containers
- More lighting
- Expand the play area
- Increase size of dog park
- Move the community gardens to another park

![Johnson Park Map](JohnsonParkMap.png)

There are no bathrooms in this park. It's far from shopping so there's nowhere to go.

No restrooms!
Also, play area is quite small and it can be intimidating for little kids when big kids are running around. It would be nice to see this area extended. Also, parking is difficult in this area.

Some out-of-towners come to the park during the weekend and put their car stereo at top volume to hear it while drinking alcohol in the park. I'm for anybody enjoying the park, but without bothering everybody else, specially residents around the park.

Poor visibility here and elsewhere along Everett.
Juana Briones Park

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Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Bathrooms
- Splash pad
- More picnic areas
- Expand by purchasing Maybell Orchard across the street

Is there really a park here? Looks like a school that we are not supposed to be on when school is in session!

Not a huge problem for me personally, but my kids say the table in the trees, on the west side of the park by the fence, is called “the pot smoker’s table.”

grass over watered
Kellogg Park

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No respondents provided follow-up answers to the “Closest to Home” questions

No specific “Park Problems/Opportunities” or “Barriers” were described so no map is presented.
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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Bike riding
- Dog walking
- Watch birds
- Go to off-leash dog park

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- Additional and/or improved dog friendly space
- More trashcans
- More trees
- More native vegetation
- Better play structures
- Community pool
- Better interpretive panels / signage
- Improved pedestrian / bike paths
Mitchell Park

No easy shuttle avail for north/ west pa residents to get to rubberly. Lots of activities are there, but from el camino & embarcadero, not easy to get there for teens. Biking ok, but long and not good in rain.

cars turning left to park outside Fairmeadow/JLS can be dangerous for cyclists even in the bike lane

can be dangerous for cyclists in the morning during school drop-offs. Cars turning left into JLS do not always notice bikes going straight along E. Meadow towards Middlefield

cross traffic on bicycle boulevard doesn’t stop

Bike path unclear and confusing once you get to Mitchell park and south of Mitchell park

No bike lane heading north! Super scary!

On a bike route, you shouldn’t have to cross a busy 2-way stop intersection where you don’t have the right of way.

The bike lane ends and then bikes are forced to share the lane with cars as they cross the street. It is hazard as a cyclist and as a driver.

No bike sensor for bikes wanting to turn left from E. Charleston onto Middlefield Rd

Super scary for bicyclists heading down E. Charleston, two lanes merge to one. The cars are super aggressive instead of being orderly and I always feel at risk after crossing Alma towards Middlefield, two lanes merge to one. The cars are super aggressive....

a 4-way crosswalk is needed. Currently there are only 2 crosswalks forcing pedestrians to cross more streets.

Not all of the water fountains work most of the time. Perhaps the fountains could be re-imagined to solve the problem of being blocked by sand.

Shade for the older kids’ play structure near E. Meadow which is generally in the blazing sun.

Children’s bathroom is always extremely dirty. Table area seems dirty as well.

Mitchell is a place that could have a soft jogging path around it for folks who need a soft all-weather surface. Part of the path is already there, just add the rest of the loop(s).

I think there should be a dog area for small and for large dogs.

Playground limited for such a big park.

Mitchell park needs a really good skateboard park and/or a BMX park.

The bathrooms are bad. The whole house needs to be updated. It should have been done already with the plan that was approved for this park 10 years ago. The bathrooms are awful!

Please provide Palo Alto with a large off leash dog park

Dog park has had problems between larger and smaller dogs. Should have a new, separate space for small dogs

Problem is not having ONE person responsible for the coordinated managing of the park. There should be one person in the city’s parks and rec who is point person for each park and they should go there regularly.

Dog park at Mitchell Park is nasty and too small for to include both small and large dogs. Open up the field after 5pm to allow dogs to play off leash on the field.

Dog park there is awful. Dirty and large dogs are mixed with small dogs. Terrible.

Dog park could be expanded as sloped area not well utilized.

Dog run is too small

The swimming pool is always reserved in the summer and there is very little summer left!

Often hard to find a Parking spot
### Monroe Park

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#### Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

- Replant the trees and maintain the grass
- Bathrooms
- New play structures for kids (but not too much)
- Better parking enforcement
- Increased fees at the pools for non-residents

![Monroe Park map with comments]

- Very sharp turns on the bridge - hard for a bike at any speed.
- Road was made more narrow.
  - There is no parking signs on one side, but there are constantly vehicles parking there. Hopefully this will end soon because this is the major outlet for our neighborhood.
  - No sidewalks in this neighborhood at all.
Peers Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking
- Explore creek and animals
- Walk through on my way home

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Update facilities (BBQs, bike racks, picnic table, splash pad)
- More nighttime patrols and trash pick-ups

No specific “Barriers” were described so no map is presented.
Ramos Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking
- Meet other dog owners
- BBQ

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Bathrooms
- Play structures for older kids
- Food concessions
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Enforcement of leash policies
- Benches
- Flower or vegetable garden
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**Other: please be specific. Responses included:**
- Dog walking
- Swimming
- Girl Scouts
- Go to the museum, zoo and library

### Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

- Bathrooms
- More trashcans
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Expand pool size and hours
- More shade
- New picnic tables and benches
- Improve safety
- Food concession
- Update play structures
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern

The Rinconada pool hours are not good. Burgess Park Pool in Menlo Park have much better hours. Rinconada pool should be open year round with extensive daily hours for lap & recreation swim times, weekdays & weekends.

Tennis courts can be filthy and nets are not maintained.

1. It would be great to have an online system for reserving tennis courts at Rinconada Park and Hopkins Park. It's tough to tell friends to meet at a certain time to play when we may end up waiting for an hour for a court to open up.
2. More open hours

Fence in all parks. Especially Pabst. There's a fence most of the way, then an opening. Makes the rest of the fence useless.

There are no dog parks in all of north Palo Alto. How about one at Rinconada (or somewhere else in the north)?

Open hours of pool on weekdays 10am and sun would be ideal.

Palo Alto needs a saltwater pool. This is a healthy community and a saltwater pool would provide a less chemically toxic environment for children and adults. I believe this would also increase business.

No dog run. There is certainly space for a dog run. How about near the electrical substation, behind the fire house?

Busy street-middlefield. Not a good clear place for bikes/kids to enter rinconada from west of middlefield. Sidewalk is so busy we'll, not safe for kids on bikes.

Tennis courts can be filthy. People cross through them to get to Rinconada Pool instead of walking around.

Picnic tables are getting very old. Trash cans are situated close to some. And play areas need shade, despite the surrounding trees, both play structures get a lot of sun in the afternoon.

The Rinconada & Lucie Stern facilities need modernization or adding on to provide adequate gym & multi-purpose rooms. Swimming pool is a good amenity.

This is a large multi-use park, but there is no dog run.

I think there should be upgrades to rinconada park. More activities and amenities and refreshed benches etc., like at the pool.

Become more walker friendly and have a fenced dog run.

very difficult access (feels unsafe when driving into and out of main parking lot. Visibility is poor. Fewer parked cars on street (esp. at the exit) would improve visibility. And of course, parking is limited.

Too crowded, no parking.

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### Robles Park

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**Other: please be specific. Responses included:**
- Nap
- Exercise

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- Bathrooms
- Warnings against inappropriate affection or exposure in public
- Reduce water consumption
- More trees
- Tennis courts or tennis walls
unpleasant green stuff on the bike lanes

no bike lane or safe biking option for cyclists esp kids - have to ride between parked cars and cars trying to pass - busy!!

Busy and dangerous road and level crossing. Too dangerous for young bikers.

This stop sign makes it difficult to bike on Wilkie

cross traffic on bicycle boulevard doesn’t stop

Sometimes indecent exposure by teenagers. Unclean water fountain.

Needs restroom

Restroom would be nice

Play equipment needs to be upgraded.

Needs a bathroom. Please!
Sarah Wallis Park

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- Play sports  
- Relax, read, just enjoy being outdoors  
- Walk, jog or run  
- Get together with friends or family  
- Other: please be specific. Responses included:
  - Drink coffee

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

There have been several accidents on Park. As a driver, it’s really hard to see bikers because all the cars parked on the side of the road.

Cars merge over green bike lane

Due to 195 Page Mill construction and rush hour traffic in afternoon, this intersection is dangerous for walkers. There was a crosswalk with blinking lights, but for some reason the City hasn’t made the contractor keep the crosswalk’s flashing lights open.
Scott Park

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Block party
- Picnic

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Bike trail for children
- Better basketball court
- More trees
- Less congestion from competing activities

There are no bathrooms in this important park. Adults can hold it but what are kids supposed to do? It’s far enough from shopping that it’s hard to walk somewhere.

Needs bathroom access. Needs to feel more enclosed—like a neighborhood gathering spot.

Almost every park I visit is during a walk with my dogs. This park has only one water fountain, near Horner and Bryant. I would like to see another one on Waverly Street. In addition, as an accommodation to people with dogs, I would like to see spigots.

Easily accessible though it lacks the amenities I need!

Safety problem! The majority of visits are from children under 5. The large play structure does not have sufficient safety rails on the stairs that lead to the slide, there needs to be lower rails, preferably horizontal so children don’t fall.

We have walked through Scott park when homeless are urinating there.

Marked crossing but almost no one stops. Need flashing lights that pedestrians can press maybe.

No public restroom (or at least I didn’t find it), making it hard for small kids or elderly to enjoy.

A bike trail for kids surrounding all the big grass area. Need bathrooms, Need more picnic tables.

Heritage Park and Scott Park
Seale Park

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Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park?

- More shaded areas / trees
- Better security
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Junior-height basketball hoops and more interesting features for kids
- Signage indicating how many laps around the loop to complete a mile

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Stanford - Palo Alto Playing Fields

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- Dog walking

Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- Provide water and refuse bags for dogs
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Improve vegetation with native plants

This is a ridiculous free for all before and after school. Why are kids bicycling on the sidewalk? Why are parents blocking driveways with their cars? Get the police out there to police and school should teach the kids the rules.

All the merging lanes cause massive aggression in many drivers and make it unsafe for all. (I understand that you want to fit in more cars at the crossing but maybe these streets should be for the thousands of school kids who use them every day...)

Terman Park. Needs a running path PREFERABLY A SOFT SURFACE LIKE AT CUBBERLY or in Mitchell Park. Not asphalt and definitely NOT CEMENT - that is so hard on knees & vertebrae.

The worst soccer fields in the entire city. So dangerous with potholes, lack of grass, uneven ground that I quit the soccer league I was in that played there because I sprained my ankles twice.

The Terman Park bike path is very uneven making it a bit dangerous to bike or walk on. There are lots of places where the asphalt has buckled.
**Ventura Community Center**

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**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**

- Dog play area (off-leash), especially for smaller dogs
- More shaded areas for seating and playing
- Proper running surface for doing laps
- Clean up the outside of the buildings and the ‘red tops’

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**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**

- Toddler-specific features
- Bathrooms
- Dog play area (off-leash)

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- Toddler-specific features
- Bathrooms
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**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**

- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Update play equipment
- Play structures for older kids
- Pave walkway around park

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- Play with dog

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
Cameron, Mayfield, Werry, and Weishaar Parks

There is a roundabout but no clear passage for pedestrians

would like to have bathroom facilities

Escondido field is poorly maintained
## City Open Space/Conservation Lands

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- Observe nature

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Esther Clark Preserve

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**Other: please be specific. Responses included:**
- Mountain bike on trails
- Community events

#### Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:

- Allow mountain bike riding on existing fire roads
- Create a ‘locals only’ entrance in Los Trancos Woods neighborhood
Old trail connection on private property is closed. Could be re-opened to allow bike and hiking access from PV trails and MROSD system.

Very difficult to bike - intersection is very hazardous for bicyclists on both directions on Page Mill.

Trail ends for bicycles

Gate access restricted to pedestrians

Restricted access from residents only policy. Could easily establish an access point for hikers.

Allow bicycling on dirt trails within the entire park on weekdays, some similar access to what is allowed for dog walking.

It would be nice if mountain biking were allowed on trails in this park.

Arastradero Preserve and Foothills Park
It would be nice if there were at least one off-leash trail for dogs. It would also be nice if dogs could be in at least part of this huge park on the weekends.

Maybe some nature boards (showing flora and fauna information) would be good on a trail or two – especially the walks that are more suitable for children.

Would love to see some kids’ mountain biking trails (they would need to be fairly flat so that elementary school age kids could cope). Maybe it’s just a case of better maps for what’s there?

This is one of the greatest places to hike in all of Palo Alto. How about having one trail where dogs could be off-leash, at least for a mile or two?

This is a beautiful park... but I cannot ever go with my dog. I would really like to explore more and opening to pets on the weekend would make it much more useful/Enjoyable.

Problem-No mt bicycles on trails, Opportunity- Allow bicycles to ride Chamise trail from the Wildhorse valley to Vista point and on to Arastradero Preserve or simply allow it as a loop.

Dogs are only allowed in the entire park only on weekdays. Some parts of this large park should be available to canines on the weekend.

There is an opportunity to embrace mountain/off-road cyclists by enabling select trail access to Foothills Park. I would suggest allowing cyclists access to fire roads while keeping single-track trails hiker only.

Some of the trails need to be better maintained. Sections of Fern Trail should be wider. See the recent injury accident there.

There should be at least one trail where dogs can be off-leash. We have to go all the way to San Carlos to Pulgas Ridge to allow our dogs any off-leash hiking time. With all of the trails in the park, there should be at least one where off-leash is OK.

Arastradero Preserve and Foothills Park

Parking is a serious problem here. It limits access.

There are no places to walk a dog off-leash. How about one trail for off-leash dogs? There needs to be some more parking. Are there a lot of people just using this park to park their cars and then go road biking?

All trails should be open to hikers year-round (during the rainy season). To protect trails in winter, close them to horseback riders and bicyclists. Take a lesson from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space people!!

Arastradero has greatly improved over the last 15 years or so. Much better trails, signage, maintenance and attention to ecological issues. It would greatly benefit from a trail connection on Los Trancos Road...

Bikes should be allowed on trails.

Open the gate access between Arastradero open space and Foothills park for bicycles, not just pedestrians.

I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks.

Foothill Park is amazing. There is so much space for so many things. I wish there was a part of this huge park where dogs could run free during the week. Not just a small dog run, like the other Palo Alto parks, but where dogs can run, run, run.

More lake activities needed. Great summer camp!

Poorly maintained trails with significant exposure.

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Dogs should be allowed all 7 days of the week and to be able to be off leashes on trails.

I would love it if some of the trails allowed bicycles. One possibility would be the perimetral, big loop on Los Trancos trail, which has less foot traffic than others...

Need a Frisbee golf course in this park.

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Open Foothills Park to the public, for a nominal fee. It is offensive, exclusive, and stupid.

Arastradero Preserve and Foothills Park
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- Swimming
- Biking
- Dog walking

**Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:**
- Erosion control like water bars.
## Other Recreation Facilities in Palo Alto

### Cubberly Community Center and Fields

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Other: please be specific. Responses included:
- Dog walking
- Exercise
- Watch recreational events

### Do you have any ideas for improvements to this park? Responses included:
- More picnic areas
- Bathrooms
- Update play equipment
- Water fountains
- Dog play area (off-leash)
- Better lighting
- Improve the crosswalk situation
The facilities at Cubberley are out of date and need investment.

Cubberley needs more kid-friendly (0-6 years) and family friendly space. It is currently almost exclusively sports-centered.

Needs attention and a community focused master plan. It feels like a place holder now. The school district should be ashamed.

Cubberley is getting VERY rundown. We need the city and school district to deal with the problems of this site.

I would love to see some space dedicated for dogs - my dream area for dog agility, dog park. I'm thinking that this would be similar to Magical Bridge space but specific to dog sports.

This is a general comment. As a dog owner, I find that Palo Alto parks and open space are generally unaccommodating to our use of the parks. As dog owners are disproportionately property owners, this is particularly unfair.

The Cubberley tennis courts are sort of run-down.

Palo Alto does not have a large field for free running of dogs. The dog parks are all too small. Menlo Park has an excellent solution using one of their baseball fields in a controlled, organized way.

No restrooms only for sports use

Add a proper bathroom with sink to the soccer fields area.

Large facility with good community programs but the place is old and not well kept, then we have that white elephant library development still going on near by costing tremendous resources and not helping manage noise or local traffic and safety...

Nothing very innovative about this recreation site... check out centers in other cities... modern gyms, indoor swimming pools, variety of multipurpose rooms, better use of space. Everything needs fixing up & modernizing. Stop paying $$$ to PAUSD & fix this.

This facility needs a major overhaul. It could be another JCC providing a resource to the community in so many ways. The fields should be preserved and maybe new parking designed so that some of the land could be recovered for additional fields.

Why did people do a plan for Cubberley only to have it shelved? It's certainly an opportunity!

Cubberley Community Center
Aratradadero Preserve

Parks and places I like

Great for hiking

I enjoy mountain biking in the park, parking can be a pain sometimes.

Aratradadero Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

Parking is a serious problem here. It limits access.

Aratradadero Preserve

Parks and places I like

Great access to baylands and related diversity of wildlife. Great for walking dog, especially when foxtail, which can injure dogs, is not in season. Would be great if it were possible to eliminate foxtail growth along popular paths.

Aratradadero Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

Nearby, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District would love it if there were a Frisbee golf course here.

Baylands Athletic Center

Parks and places I like

Great for birding and bicycling.

Arastradero Preserve

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Arastradero Preserve

Parks and places I like

I wish there were a few benches scattered around. And it is unfortunate that the trash can that used to be at the lake was removed.

Arastradero Preserve

Parks and places I like

I would love it if there were a Frisbee golf course here.

Arastradero Preserve

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Baylands Preserve

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Baylands Preserve

Parks and places I like

Great place for my morning bike ride

Baylands Preserve

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Great to have this close by, we just found the eco center which was great. For kids, dogs, running and biking.

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Baylands Preserve

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Underpass 101 from Baylands is not open year round.

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Baylands Preserve

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Bike path to the underpass along the wood(s)quotation"for biking. bike path!!!

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Bike path. excellent, long bikeway (quotation"bicycle route). bike path.

Baylands Preserve

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Bike path is good for running and playing fetch with the dog (even though you are not supposed to do so, because it requires the dog to run free. biggest problem is no restroom.

Baylands Preserve

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Bike path is special and needs to be expanded: has great bike trails and the donkeys need a Palo Alto home. I.e. buy the land they occupy from private owner and add to Bob's average also strawberry hill needs protection of city park dedication ordinance.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Donkeys

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Donkeys!

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Animals, shade, interesting landscaping, creek access. Best kid-friendly park in Palo Alto. Wish it were closer.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Bike path!!!

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Bike route

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Familiarity; neighborhood friendliness; donkey visits.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Great combo of play structures for kids, open space, nature, dog walking/playing area and the fantastic donkeys.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Great structure, donkeys a plus too. Use the bike path daily.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Great trail - my kids love to ride the bike trail and feel safe with them doing so

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

I love the off-street bike/ped path along Ar Estadador. I really wish there were a lot more of these throughout Palo Alto.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

It's a big open space where I can let my dogs play.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Large, good paths for walking and biking, children's area, donkey and creek. Semi rural. wish the sheep and goats had not been chased away some years ago

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Location

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Location and tranquility

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Love the donkey, of course!!!

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

The creek side setting, Redwoods, bike trail passes right through the park, plenty of running around and exploring space for kids

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

The donkeys are great

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

The size and variety

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

This part of town really needs this park. People walk/bike at all times of the day through this park. it offers a long (albeit narrow) path for exercise and a green belt oasis.

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This would be a great area for a dog park.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Well maintained.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Are there restrooms here? If not, would be great to have.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Bathroom would be nice

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Park problems/opportunities

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Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Decent bathrooms would be nice here. The outhouse at the duck pond is a bit sketchy.

Baylands Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

Gravel on the trails is difficult to walk on.

Baylands Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

It would be nice if at least one trail or part of one trail that would allow off-leash dogs

Baylands Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

Maximize habitat for bird species and other wildlife, in particular burrowing owls.

Baylands Preserve

Park problems/opportunities

You should make this area (closed dump) into an off-leash dog park. It already has a fence around it and you just have to put in water and trash can. There are bathrooms already out there.

Baylands Preserve

Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?

I bike there when the underpass is open. When it is closed, I drive. I can't wait for the new bike bridge!!!

Baylands Preserve

Pick your (one) favorite park

It's the Pearson/Arastadero Preserve. Please fix the map.

Baylands Preserve

Pick your (one) favorite park

Love this!

Baylands Preserve

Pick your (one) favorite park

Watch birds

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Bike bridge has gates which prevent bike trailers or tandem bikes from using it.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Fence obstruction in underpass

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Efficient. Having just one bridge to cross from East Palo Alto to Palo Alto makes difficult and dangerous to transit the area.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

It is impossible to get through this underpass crossing with my children in my bike trailer, because of the bike lanes that are designed to slow traffic. Instead I ride on the sidewalk over san antonio rd. it is endlessly frustrating.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

It would be fantastic to be able to get to the baylands by going along matadero creek

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

It's 101 to be exact. I live on green next to creek would love to be able to walk down creek to baylands.

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Lefkowitz Tunnel is closed half the year, forcing anyone form south PA who wants to bike to the baylands San Antonio Road or much further north (about three miles out of the way.)

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Need a path/bridge over 101 at Addison creek. The undercrossing is closed half the year and it is too far, on foot, to go all the way up to the Oregon overcrossing

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

Need pedestrian crossing to get to baylands. Closest is in Mountain View or North Palo Alto.

Baylands Preserve

Mark any barriers on the map.

No Bay Trail connection from Palo Alto Baylands / Ravenwood Open Space to Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge. Need a path through here.

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Trail seasonal.

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Underpass only opens some parts of the year. Bike Lane too small given the busy frontage road.
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**Park Name**

**Open Ended Response**

*Bowden Park*

- Park problems/opportunities: I believe that there should be improved dog parks at all Palo Alto Parks that have Astro turf and are as well designed as the dog Park on San Antonio in Mountain View - Village green.
- Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?: Bowden Park
- Park problems/opportunities: I grew up across the street from this park - my window used to look onto it. It needs a bathroom! Kids and teenagers at night - they urinate everywhere. Other than that, it's perfect.
- Park problems/opportunities: I see that it looks like there is space to potentially extend the bike path, extending from where I put the marker to El Camino where it would be possible to connect it to park avenue, another great bike street. It would be the perfect way to develop a bike path extending all the way from 280 to El Camino, and a bike route all the way to Alma. In addition, it is a great way for bikers to connect to Foothill Expressway which is a very popular biking street.
- Park problems/opportunities: It is very difficult to get through the masses in the bike undercrossing on california ave. Instead I often ride up to churchill and cross at street level, or if I'm too lazy to do the extra distance, I just don't even go to california ave.
- Park problems/opportunities: I love this park for its meditative quality. It is not full of equipment and that is terrific! This park is also being proposed to be the location for a new Palo Alto Museum. This is a great location for a museum! It is quiet and peaceful with beautiful views.
- Park problems/opportunities: I grew up across the street from this park - my window used to look onto it. It needs a bathroom! Kids and teenagers at night - they urinate everywhere. Other than that, it's perfect.
- Park problems/opportunities: The exit onto Miranda is especially difficult to navigate and with the new Gunn driveway, this exit will become trickier.
- Park problems/opportunities: This otherwise-UNUSED field at Gunn is an unofficial dog park for off leash dogs & socializing. People who utilize it seem to be very responsible with their dogs, but they know they're breaking the law and would prefer not to do so. (Animal Control seems very aware of this too and so long as there aren't complaints doesn't come by to enforce the leash laws). It would be super awesome if this area could be fenced in and made into an official dog park so that people who prefer to obey the law can also run their dogs here.
- Park problems/opportunities: I often ride through here at night with the bike undercrossing on California Ave. Sometimes there are large groups of kids gathering here, it's a pretty safe ride even though there have been a few accidents in the past. There have not been large crowds on the bike path recently.
- Park problems/opportunities: There is a trail that runs from this park to El Camino where it would be possible to connect it to park avenue, another great bike street. It would be the perfect way to develop a bike path extending all the way from 280 to El Camino, and a bike route all the way to Alma. In addition, it is a great way for bikers to connect to Foothill Expressway which is a very popular biking street.
**ParkName**  | **Question**  | **Open Ended Response**  
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Bowling Green Park  | Parks and places I like  | All of Palo Alto— an excellent place to bike and walk dogs along pretty streets.  
Bowling Green Park  | Parks and places I like  | Carville Gardens. Love stopping by to see what is growing, get inspiration, go with a friend.  
Bowling Green Park  | Parks and places I like  | Great place to play with kids.  
Bowling Green Park  | The Bowling Green  | The Bowling Green  
Bowling Green Park  | Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?  | No  
Bowling Green Park  | Mark any barriers on the map.  | No bike lane on embarcadero. Fast traffic. No good way to get to bay lands  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Bathrooms, great mix of play structures for all kids, courts, and grassy field. near Briones elementary, and Fermian middle school. Has water fountain.  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Bridge, play area—nice place for families  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Great playground  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Kids love the train and the water play area  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Lay out Not. Different high quality play grounds, lots of toes, basketball court  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Lots of play options for kids, seems clean and safe  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Love the train, tall tunnel side, and especially the huge fake rock for climbing!  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Play structure  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Train, climbing wall, water feature  
Briones Park  | Parks and places I like  | Water and train are fun. Great structures on both playgrounds  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | grass over watered  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | Is there really a park here? Looks like a school that we are not supposed to be on when school is in session!  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | Not a huge problem for me personally, but my kids say the table in the trees, on the west side of the park by the fence, is called *(quotation)*the pot smoker's table*(quotation)*  
Briones Park  | Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?  | Another nice neighborhood park. A nice stopping place for kids because it is close to schools. When my kids were little, we enjoyed the preschool structure there.  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | run  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | difficult to cross Los Robles at corner of Vista Verde because cars are parking on the sidewalk and in bike lane since the no parking sign was removed for that block of Los Robles.  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | No bike lanes / safe biking options on El Camino  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | No room for bicyclists in the last block of Arrastadero before El Camino and on the side with the Sycamore again the merging cars make it really scary.  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | There needs to be a bike lane here! This is how kids get to school!  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | This quotation*(safe route to school(quotation))has inconsistent sidewalks on some blocks and not others. The new (quotation)sharrow(quotation) are a joke. There should be no parking at all on the Briones School side of Maybell and a real bike lane should be put in. There is less of a need for a bike lane on the other side of the street as there is less traffic and more staggered dismissal times when students leave school.  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | very narrow street  
Briones Park  | Park problems/opportunities  | Way too busy and dangerous for school children on bikes, especially in the mornings  
Cameron Park  | Parks and places I like  | No food grilling places and no food left behind so that my dog might find.  
Cameron Park  | Pick your (one) favorite park  | It would be great to have dog play area there.  
Cameron Park  | Mark any barriers on the map.  | There is a roundabout but no clear passage for pedestrians  
Coppell Plaza  | Parks and places I like  | Cute little garden that was a public amenity for one of the development at 245 Lytton. Its a nice place to stroll when open.  
Coppell Plaza  | Park problems/opportunities  | Not very linger friendly (although its better than it used to be) a more multi-use paving pattern would help, as would a small play structure to bring kids. Many visitors to University Ave ask if a park is nearby, and by Johnson or Heritage are several blocks away and not visible from Univ, many people are not aware of those parks. A play structure could also help facilitate intergenerational activities since Avenidas is right next door.  
Coppell Plaza  | Park problems/opportunities  | too many homeless people spending days here  
Coppell Plaza  | Park problems/opportunities  | No bike lanes in downtown, hard for families to bike  
Coppell Plaza  | Park problems/opportunities  | Poor visibility here and elsewhere along Everett.  
Coppell Plaza  | Mark any barriers on the map.  | Roundabout with stoppings only in one direction confuses bike riders and cars - it isn't a true rotary but it looks like one.  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | Activities. Tennis courts. Soccer fields.  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | Cubberley is a fantastic resource, and the parks and playing fields are always well kept and beautiful!  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | Cubberley is an excellent community center. I come here probably 1-3 times a week. It is an important park for girls sports. I worry that upcoming changes to this park will limit my daughters ability to play softball or soccer. Cubberley class rooms provide access for my Adult Chorus and other community meetings/classes. I have really enjoyed having the library at this space.  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | Eclectic businesses  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | Football classes. Just like outdoor programs in auditorium. It would be a good venue for film festivals. I am pleased that community artists and dance studios have space. It would be a good venue for senior programming also.  
Cubberley Community Center  | Parks and places I like  | This is a fine place to have a yard sale. I would love to see some space dedicated for dogs - my dream: area for dog agility, dog park. I'm thinking that this would be similar to Magical Bridge space but specific to dog sports.  
Cubberley Community Center  | Park problems/opportunities  | Large facility with good community programs but the place is old and not well kept, then we have that white elephant library development still going on nearby costing tremendous resources and not helping manage noise for local traffic and safety, which should be the key priorities in Palo Alto.
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**Park Name**

**Cubberley Community Center**

**Question**

*Needs attention and a community focused master plan. It feels like a place holder now. The school district should be ashamed.*

**Open Ended Response**

*Mark any barriers on the map. The facilities at Cubberley are out of date and need investment.*

*Palo Alto does not have a large field for free running of dogs. The dog parks are all too small. Menlo Park has an excellent solution using one of their baseball fields in a controlled, organized way. Palo Alto is not meeting the needs of a large group of dog owners. Many dog owners exercising their dogs off-leash in city parks — this is not legal, but I believe that it should be in the larger parks, as long as the dogs are under voice control. For those of us who need focused exercise, I would like to see the city allowing certain fenced areas, such as school tennis and other fenced courts, and fenced courts in parks, to be used to run dogs either during certain hours or when no players are present.*

*This facility needs a major overhaul. It could be another JCC providing a resource to the community in so many ways. The fields should be preserved and maybe new parking designed so that some of the land could be recovered for additional fields. I worry that if it becomes a school again, how will Palo Alto replace this valuable resource. The immediate problems have to do with all the tripping hazards with the concrete floors. The asphalt on the paths is also bumpy from roots.*

*Why did people do a plan for Cubberley only to have it shelved? It's certainly an opportunity!*

*The facilities at Cubberley are out of date and need investment.*

*This is a general comment. As a dog owner, I find that Palo Alto parks and open space are generally unaccommodating to our use of the parks. As dog owners are disproportionately property owners, this is particularly unfair. Many dog owners exercise their dogs off-leash in city parks — this is not legal, but I believe that it should be in the larger parks, as long as the dogs are under voice control. For those of us who need focused exercise, I would like to see the city allowing certain fenced areas, such as school tennis and other fenced courts, and fenced courts in parks, to be used to run dogs either during certain hours or when no players are present.*

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*This is not a park comment but a biking comment. It is difficult to bike safely from central Palo Alto to Menlo Park. Let's celebrate the connections between Palo Alto, Stanford and Menlo Park.*

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*Stop paying $$$ to PAUSD & fix this*
Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: The community garden. Same for the Main library garden.
- Park problems/opportunities: No trail!

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: For a park that is almost as big as Rinconada and hosts regular sports events, I can’t seem to find a public bathroom available on site. Both play structures are exposed in full sun most of the day and unavailable to kids when the park gets hot during the day.
- Park problems/opportunities: I am sure I have seen drug exchanges taking place. Kids drive up, pop out of there cars, meet another group on the picnic tables and then leave again rather quickly.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: I see an opportunity for a dog run between the picnic tables and the Community Gardens. There is already fencing on the Community Garden side and you would just need to fence in the open area with trees between the Gardens and the picnic tables. I walk there every day and only run into dogs and dog owners in that area of the park. It would not take away space from the other users in the park. It is currently a defacto dog run.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Make a dog park!!! needs more trees since the city cut all the ones down.
- Park problems/opportunities: Poorly maintained trails with significant exposure.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: For a park that is almost as big as Rinconada and hosts regular sports events, I can’t seem to find a public bathroom available on site. Both play structures are exposed in full sun most of the day and unavailable to kids when the park gets hot during the day.
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- Parks and places I like: I adore this park!!!!
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Great facilities and nature
- Park problems/opportunities: No shade!

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: It’s a wonderful place for hiking
- Park problems/opportunities: No shade...miss the big trees

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Very helpful, friendly, and eager to share their knowledge of the park. The trails are fine and well maintained. Major lacks are the bathrooms. No shade!
- Park problems/opportunities: No dog area. Plenty of space but needs walking paths, too.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Hiking, picnics, and views
- Park problems/opportunities: I would love it if some of the trails allowed bicycles. One possibility would be the perimeter, big loop on Los Trancos trail, which has less foot traffic than others. Otherwise, a new trail that connected with Arrastradero, Windy Hill, etc.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: It is a dog run.
- Park problems/opportunities: No shade! This park needs to be opened to non-residents. This is a huge bone of contention with non-residents. Also, needs to have a place where people can sit when they are eating.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: It’s a great place for kids to have fun, but it’s crowded.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: No shade!
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: I can ride my horse through it
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: A true gem of Palo Alto. Worth our resources.
- Park problems/opportunities: I see an opportunity for a dog run between the picnic tables and the Community Gardens. There is already fencing on the Community Garden side and you would just need to fence in the open area with trees between the Gardens and the picnic tables. I walk there every day and only run into dogs and dog owners in that area of the park. It would not take away space from the other users in the park. It is currently a defacto dog run.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: Adds the 7.7 A to it soon. A vast play area. Maybe the more rugged trails need to be made safer.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: I like my hinking trails, the wide open meadow, the wildlife, the vistas and camping. I particularly like that it is not crowded like Rancho San Antonio Park. The rangers are helpful, and eager to share their knowledge of the park.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: The trail
- Park problems/opportunities: I would love it if some of the trails allowed bicycles. One possibility would be the perimeter, big loop on Los Trancos trail, which has less foot traffic than others. Otherwise, a new trail that connected with Arrastradero, Windy Hill, etc.

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- Park problems/opportunities: Dogs should be allowed at 7 days of the week and to be able to be off leash on trails.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: The availability of shaded walking tracks where you can take children for a small hike. There is a small amount of seating on tracks (a bench, or some logs to sit on) which is great for kids to rest.
- Park problems/opportunities: I am sure I have seen drug exchanges taking place. Kids drive up, pop out of there cars, meet another group on the picnic tables and then leave again rather quickly.

Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: The many hiking trails, the wide open meadow, the wildlife, the vistas and camping. I particularly like that it is not crowded like Rancho San Antonio Park. The rangers are helpful, and eager to share their knowledge of the park.
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Foothills Park
- Parks and places I like: I love to go camping here. The rangers are terrific. I would love it if there were a Frisbee golf course here.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

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Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: I always loved foothills park – for hiking, playing, parties, etc.
- Park problems/opportunities: Maybe some nature boards (showing flora and fauna information) would be good on a trail or two - especially the walks that are more suitable for children

Esther Clark Preserve
- Parks and places I like: The trail
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: The facility
- Park problems/opportunities: More lake activities needed. Great summer camp!

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: A true gem of Palo Alto. Worth our resources.
- Park problems/opportunities: I wish there were more hiking trails/trails that connected with other parks. More rugged trails need to be made safer.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Plenty of space but needs walking paths, too.
- Park problems/opportunities: Needs a shade structure over the playground, please.

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: This is a true gem of Palo Alto. Worth our resources.
- Park problems/opportunities: No shade!

Eleanor Pardee Park
- Parks and places I like: Nothing there, just a dry field. At least install drinking water
- Park problems/opportunities: Poorly publicized, where is the parking?

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<td>Could this grassy area be set up as a dog run. Even though it is near the power station which is probably not good health wise, it might work as a dog area since we will be there for short periods of time. Plant some trees and put in some benches too.</td>
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<td>The dog park here is too small and could use a bench inside amongst the trees so we can sit with our dogs. Also, I notice across the street by the power station there is a large grassy area. Would be nice if we could get this fenced in so we could use it.</td>
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<td>The people that come and play LOUD MUSIC in the picnic area. A park should be a place for sports, nature, relaxing. LOUD MUSIC is intrusive</td>
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<td>The dog run in this park is so ridiculously small it should be removed. A park this size should have a dog park the same size as Mitchell Park. With all the apartments and new housing in the area, a reasonable dog park is a must.</td>
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<td>The dog run is pathetic. How about converting one of the fields to shared use to so that off-leash dogs could use the part at least 5 hrs per week</td>
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<td>While there is a dog area it's kind of a terrible dog area. It's small and really sunny and hot and it smells like piss</td>
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<td>Visit most Palo Alto parks regularly</td>
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<td>Almost every week I visit during a walk with my dogs. This park has only one water fountain, near Homer and Bryant. I would like to see another one on Waverly Street. In addition, as an accommodation to people with dogs, i would like to see sidewalks added near the base of water fountains in all parks so that dog owners can give their pets water during walks.</td>
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<td>Safety problem! The majority of visits are from children under 5. The large play structure does not have sufficient safety rails on the stairs that lead to the slide, there needs to be lower rails, preferably horizontal so children don't fall. This is a very busy park and all the children play on all the equipment. Lastly, there is very little shade near the play structures and the equipment gets so hot that children cannot use it without getting burned. Any opportunities for shading would be great. But please add safety rails as a first priority. Thank you!</td>
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<td>This is the best field for dogs to run off leash in the area. The dog run at Hoover Park is way too small and very dusty. Plus, the only people that go there don't really play with their dogs and pay little attention. There is no reason why responsible dog owners, who have dogs with good recall behaviour, can't go on the big field. Everybody is responsible enough to clean up after themselves, and i'm sure a time share with everybody else using the field can be arranged. Still, this field is big enough to accommodate more than one group. There is no other possibility to have such a big area for dogs to run in, it's a shame that this is not openly available to dog owners.</td>
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<td>The sprinklers are putting too much water on the grass such that the city landscaping contractor cannot mow parts of the grass because the tractor/mower would sink into the ground. No one walks on the muddy, boggy soil so the field would sink into the ground and get mud all over their shoes. The City of Palo Alto is wasting our precious water by not managing their sprinklers. Second, why is the City constructing what seems like a permanent fence around the baseball field? This will definitely limit the usability of the park for other sports, e.g., AVSO. I just don't get it.</td>
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<td>This is the best field for dogs to run off leash in the area. The dog run at Hoover Park is way too small and very dusty. Plus, the only people that go there don't really play with their dogs and pay little attention. There is no reason why responsible dog owners, who have dogs with good recall behaviour, can't go on the big field. Everybody is responsible enough to clean up after themselves, and i'm sure a time share with everybody else using the field can be arranged. Still, this field is big enough to accommodate more than one group. There is no other possibility to have such a big area for dogs to run in, it's a shame that this is not openly available to dog owners.</td>
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<td>Biking across the city from southeast to northeast is a real discouragement if one has to go a mile over to Bryant and then come back. Can't we open Ross Road to bikes all the way from E. MDawre to Embarcadero? The only other alternative is to bike on the intersection at Oregon x Midfield - that is insane for a City that prides itself on bike access.</td>
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<td>No entry from Towle/wellbury way. Walking path is to be maintained by next doo apart. complex as part of pc benefit. Not always in good order. Water drain at Midfield is often blocked. needs to be cleaned of mud and debris as it enters under Midfield.</td>
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Hooer Park | Mark any barriers on the map. |
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The entrance to Hooer park on Middlefield Road needs a cross walk or light. I have asked the city about this before and they said it would be in place this year (I asked more than a year ago). Kids and parents jay walk all the time and it is so dangerous. Plus, there's the church and Keys School. It should be put in place ASAP.

Hooer Park | Mark any barriers on the map. |
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Too much traffic.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Parks and places like |
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Close to home, but needs improvements

Hopkins Creekside Park | Parks and places like |
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I like that I can cross the bridge to Menlo Park on my bike. It saves a lot of time off my commute.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Parks and places like |
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It's a pretty strip of parkland to run or bike past.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Sunset Gardens - flowers

Hopkins Creekside Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Please see my earlier comments about Timothy Hopkins park. This park could be an incredible resource for the people of Palo Alto but it is all but forgotten and over looked. Cities all over the United States and the world are revising the creeks and making them into valuable recreation areas. The canopy of the creek is wonderful but forgotten.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Park problems/opportunities |
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The creek is such a vital and important part of the environment and north Palo Alto’s character. But it needs maintenance. Trees are being strangled and killed by ivy climbing up the trunks. A few of us are trying to maintain it, but there needs to be more effort put into it. It’s a crime to let the beautiful oaks there be killed by this invasive plant.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Park problems/opportunities |
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This is an accident prone spot for those who want to cross Middlefield Rd on Everett.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
There are no bathrooms in this park. It's far from shopping so there's nowhere to go.

Parks and places I like | Safe, well-kept |
---|---|
Parks and places I like gated play area; slide is fun for older kids; easier to bring kids of larger age range

Parks and places I like | Love love love the cement slide and tire swing!
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Parks and places I like | Love love love the cement slide and tire swing!
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Parks and places I like | Love the tall trees and the park is a complete block surrounded by streets.
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The entrance to Hoover park on Middlefield Road needs a cross walk or light. I have asked the city about this before and they said it would be in place this year (I asked more than a year ago). Kids and parents jay walk all the time and it is so dangerous. Plus, there's the church and Keys School. It should be put in place ASAP.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Mark any barriers on the map. |
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Crossing Middlefield at Palo Alto Avenue is dangerous, there is no crosswalk or light. The sidewalk ends on the east side of Middlefield going north and becomes a narrow dirt path that is impossible with a bike or stroller.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Mark any barriers on the map. |
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All of the above. There is no safe way for north Palo Alto residents (particularly from the North Crescent Park area) to get to the one nearby grocery store - Willowes Market - on Middlefield near Willow Rd. There's only a narrow dirt path on the creek side of the street, which is very dangerous to walk along and riddled with poison oak growing along the fence. Crossing Middlefield to get to the sidewalk and then crossing back to get to the market is extremely dangerous with all of the traffic these days.

Hopkins Creekside Park | Mark any barriers on the map. |
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No restrooms! Also, play area is quite small and it can be intimidating for little kids when big kids are running around.

Johnon Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
A great park for kids.

Johnon Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Concrete slide is awesome!

Johnon Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Different play structures for different ages of kids

Johnon Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Gated play area, slide is fun for older kids, easier to bring kids of larger age range

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Good open space, nice play area for kids. Interesting vegetable garden

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
I think it’s this park... the cement slide

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
It has a dog park which the park near my house lacks

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
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It’s within walking distance to my home, but it doesn’t have a fenced in area for off-leash dog play.

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Love love love the cement slide and tire swing!

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Love the concrete slides, but can’t find parking nearby

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Love the tall trees and the park is a complete block surrounded by streets.

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Nicer landscaping, very friendly for under 8 kids. Good crowd from all around

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Nice playground and open space.

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Safe, well kept

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Seems to be popular with families

Johnson Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
The concrete slide

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
No restrooms! Also, parking is difficult in this area.

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Some out-of-towners come to the park during the weekend and put their car stereos at top volume to hear it while drinking alcohol in the park. I’m for anybody enjoying the park, but without bothering everybody else, especially residents around the park.

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
There are no bathrooms in this park. It’s far from shopping so there’s nowhere to go.

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
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Good safety cameras

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
It’s GOOD that there are not bathrooms here, but need more lights and shorter ball hoops for younger kids.

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Johnson Park needs a bathroom!

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
My garden is there

Johnson Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Poor road surface

Kellogg Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Addison school for dog exercise in the evenings after school events.

Kellogg Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Concrete Garden - flowers

Kellogg Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Gardens are attractive and pleasant.

Kellogg Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Love the garden!

Kellogg Park | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Addison School park is often contaminated with pesticides and fertilizers that have seriously damaged the health of many dogs, including causing Addison’s disease in 4 dogs 2 yrs ago after fertilizer/pesticide application

Itmon Plaza | Parks and places like |
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Alfie's Theater - interesting movies.

Itmon Plaza | Parks and places like |
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PAAM

Itmon Plaza | Parks and places like |
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Sanford Theater - fun old movies and movie history room.

Itmon Plaza | Parks and places like |
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The slices, the times, the atmosphere

Itmon Plaza | Parks and places like |
---|---|
University Avenue - walking, shopping, people watching, restaurants.

Itmon Plaza | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Even though this was just redesigned, it’s not a great or a beautiful public space. It needs better paving design, better seating areas, better plantings and a much more thought out water feature. The whole place looks tacky, and it doesn’t support live music very well. A missed opportunity here, especially since this is the heart of PA. This plaza could support great summer events (concerts, movies, live music) like the ones at downtown Redwood City, but it is grossly under programmed.

Itmon Plaza | Park problems/opportunities |
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Panhandlers can be too pushy

Itmon Plaza | Park problems/opportunities |
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Aggressive pedestrians

Itmon Plaza | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
Bike vs. pedestrian parking makes the Bike Boulevard dangerous and awkward in this block.

Itmon Plaza | Park problems/opportunities |
---|---|
The bike path that starts at Churchill sort of peters out in the Caltrain parking lot, leaving no clear, safe biking path into Menlo Park

Mayfield Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
Library and day care architecturally interesting. Quiet requisite.

Mayfield Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
The library and the park

Mitchell Park | Parks and places like |
---|---|
A great park for many uses. Including tennis, of course. Great for large get togethers. I also like the library (or well when/if it opens).
Mitchell Park

Parks and places I like

Nice relaxing place to walk

Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?

Great park. Wish there were large/small dog areas so conflicts are fewer.

Park problems/opportunities

need bike racks!

Parks and places I like

Expansive feel and amenities.

Park problems/opportunities

Often hard to find a parking spot

Parks and places I like

Water play area. Creative/unique playground. Library will be great. Adjacent to little league park.

Park problems/opportunities

finish this damn thing already change watering schedule so lawn isn't a swamp

Parks and places I like

Little league

Parks and places I like


Park problems/opportunities

Library (a new one), wading pool, variety of things to do, updated recreation center (soon), large walkable area so can get some exercise

Parks and places I like

Pretty nice walking paths, open spaces, open space for running around, a path for jogging, walking or bike riding. The water play area and access to restrooms and picnic areas are also features that make this our favorite park. Being walkable from our house helps too.

Park problems/opportunities

Not all of the water fountains work most of the time. Perhaps the fountains could be re-imaged to solve the problem of being blocked by sand.

Parks and places I like

I was surprised that five windmill palm trees will be planted in Mitchell Park. The Canopy Tree Library includes the following information about the Windmill Palm Tree: Availability- Available, Overall Recommendation- Yes, I'm certain the Mitchell Park dog area the largest in Palo Alto, it is frequently dominated by large dogs. This makes the area dangerous and inaccessible for small dog owners. Palo Alto needs dog areas that are separated for large breeds and small breeds. Many other cities offer this in their parks. Why do we not have better of class dog facilities in our city?

Park problems/opportunities

Problem is not having ONE person responsible for the coordinated managing of the park. There should be one person in the city's parks and rec who is point person for each park and they should GD there regularly. In this way they would observe all the problems and adjustments needed to keep up quality.

Parks and places I like

I think there should be a dog area for small and for large dogs.

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**Park Name**

- **Mitchell Park**
  - Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
    - I come each year for the chili cook-off. Traditionally I spend the night at my friends who lives in walking distance and then we head over together.
  - Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
    - I DONT LIKE THAT THE POOL IS RESERVED SO FREQUENTLY, I CAN NEVER SWIM THERE!!!!
  - Pick your (one) favorite park
    - Love the structure here
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Bike path unclear and confusing once you get to Mitchell park and south of Mitchell park
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Very sharp turns on the bridge - hard for a bike at any speed.
  - Parks and places I like
    - Love the long path - great for biking
  - Parks and places I like
    - No ramp for stroller when crossing the street to get to the bike path.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - Dangerous railroad crossing and intersection and no enforcement of cars going straight on the morning and masses of high school students cycling at the wrong side of the road endangering other cyclists
  - Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
    - The dog can't take the bus and it's too far to walk.
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - This would directly benefit those of us who live in the largest residential areas of the town

- **Monroe Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Can walk here from the house. Let dog off leash occasionally under voice control. Always clean up after him.
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No easy shuttle avail for north/west pa residents to get to cubberly. Lots of activities are there, but from el/ cannon& embarcadero, not easy to get there for teens. Biking ok, but long and not good in rain.

- **Peers Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Bathrooms! With kids, that is so important!!!
  - Parks and places I like
    - Love the climbing rock, diverse play equipment, and large field.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - The sand grain is too large my kids and I are always wiping out if there is sand on the concrete area. Also the slopes into the sand, people are always slipping, I actually slipped and fell when I was pregnant on one of those slopes while pushing my oldest into the swing...it threw me into labor. My kids have slipped multiple times on the sandy walking area. Also, having that pre-school there is a menace. The parents are always complaining about other children wanting to play with their toys...but it's out on a public park and we all share everything in parks.
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No monkey bars at playground
  - Parks and places I like
    - Play structure is only suitable for very young children. This makes it boring for older children to visit.

- **Ramos Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Play structure is only suitable for very young children. This makes it boring for older children to visit.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - If you watch the large grassy plants on the side by the fence, during any given soccer or baseball game you will see a crazy amount of kids peeing there. It's only a matter of time before some disease starts in that part of the park.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - Need a good off leash dog area somewhere, and this park has an area that is very lightly used.
  - Pick your (one) favorite park
    - Cars turning left to park outside Farmdale! LS can be dangerous for cyclists even in the bike lane
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Few, if any, crosswalks between Loma Verde and East Meadow
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Dangerous railroad crossing and intersection and no enforcement of cars going straight on the morning and masses of high school students cycling at the wrong side of the road endangering other cyclists
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No fast way to get from Milk Pail to Middletown library, for example.
  - Parks and places I like
    - Cool bike path, nice short cut!
  - Parks and places I like
    - Close to my home. Friendly dog owners
  - Parks and places I like
    - Nice place

- **Monroe Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - No ramp for stroller when crossing the street to get to the bike path.
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No sidewalks in this neighborhood at all.

- **Mitchell Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Small and quiet
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No easy shuttle avail for north/west pa residents to get to cubberly. Lots of activities are there, but from el/ cannon& embarcadero, not easy to get there for teens. Biking ok, but long and not good in rain.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - I love this park but never go because the climbing wall ledge is dangerous
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - No monkey bars at playground
  - Parks and places I like
    - Nicest park for older kids!
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - We feel strongly that there needs to be a safe, large grassy area for LITTLE dogs to play off-leash.

- **Peers Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Cool bike path, nice short cut!
  - Parks and places I like
    - Nice play area
  - Parks and places I like
    - Nice tennis courts.
  - Parks and places I like
    - Picnics with friends and their puppies.
  - Parks and places I like
    - Small but big enough to run in and it has tennis courts and picnic areas.
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Two play structures, close to our home. Lots of grass and beautiful trees.

- **Monroe Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Like the long path- great for biking
  - Mark any barriers on the map
    - Very sharp turns on the bridge - hard for a bike at any speed.
  - Parks and places I like
    - Very small but tranquil park. Nice place to sit and relax. Nice big benches. Gathering place for neighborhood. Love the hill and open space for the neighborhood. Redwood forest, hill and sand for creative play.
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - Mentions earlier, it's dirty and people hang out, sleep, and smoke because the park is largely hidden from the road.

- **Monroe Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - It's a good place for soccer
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - The sand grain is too large my kids and I are always wiping out if there is sand on the concrete area. Also the slopes into the sand, people are always slipping

- **Ramos Park**
  - Parks and places I like
    - Close to my home. Friendly dog owners
  - Park problems/opportunities
    - Small and quiet
Ramos Park
Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
Car
Ramos Park
Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto?
needs more native vegetation
Ramos Park
Mark any barriers on the map.
Dangers for bikes turning MTF onto Louis from E Meadow
Ramos Park
Park problems/opportunities
Tennis courts tend to be quieter (though heavily used)
Ramos Park
Park problems/opportunities
Another terrific multi-use park
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Car
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Mark any barriers on the map.
Tennis courts tend to be quieter (though heavily used)
Parks and places I like
Another terrific multi-use park.
Parks and places I like
Various
Parks and places I like
The kids pool - excellent.
Parks and places I like
Good place to walk my dog, go swimming
Parks and places I like
Great play area! And the pool!!
Parks and places I like
Great play equipment! We love the play structures at this park.
Parks and places I like
It really looks like the pool here. It would be nice to have other pools available in the midtown area that are not expensive memberships. YMCA is too expensive and I think the Eichler place is exclusive to Eichler people.
Parks and places I like
Close to our house. Used for art festivals. Tennis and water sports supported, Can take dog for walk. Great, versatile place.
Parks and places I like
Convenience to get clean
Parks and places I like
Girl Scout house and Lucy stern
Parks and places I like
Jordan Jr. High School field is huge, fenced in. Great for neighbors to meet there for sports and daily socialization and exercise for both owners and pets. brings community together.
Parks and places I like
Close to our house. For art festivals. Tennis and water sports supported, Can take dog for walk. Great, versatile place.
Parks and places I like
Junior Museum and Zoo
Parks and places I like
Nice little place to get animal encounters and entertain your young kids.
Parks and places I like
Large fenced-in grass area
Parks and places I like
Library is frequented for books and internet access.
Parks and places I like
Lots to do in the area; enriches experiences at the Lou Henry Hoover Girl Scout House with so much to do in walking distance.
Parks and places I like
Lou Henry Hoover Girl Scout House. As a lifetime member of Girl Scouts and nearly a lifetime Palo Alto resident (since 1972) I’ve been lucky enough to use this house for troop meetings both back when I was a girl and now that I’m an adult leader. Lou Henry Hoover’s legacy must be preserved for future generations of female leaders.
Parks and places I like
Love the little museum and zoo, Rinconada has great pools. Ever think about creating a salt water pool for a healthier swimming environment for the children?
Parks and places I like
Love the parallel bars, inclined monkey bars, rings, so many swings, and pirate ship theme. Also love the huge grassy field for picnics, concerts, and sports.
Parks and places I like
Love Trinity Lutheran!
Parks and places I like
Main library and art center
Parks and places I like
Play structures are in shade at least half the day. Accessible restroom. Plenty of amenities around.
Parks and places I like
Pool, Girl Scout house, proximity to art, libraries, and the Junior museum
Parks and places I like
Really good variety/ixed use space. love the pool
Parks and places I like
Rinconada is wonderful with the nice playground and field. Its location is terrific with the library and Junior museum and zoo, community center, norte demo garden, eco-friendly demo house. It has the Lou Henry Hoover House, which has been a great asset
Parks and places I like
Swimming and close proximity to zoo and children library
Parks and places I like
Tennis courts tend to be quieter (though heavily used)
Parks and places I like
The Children's Library is absolutely fantastic. Visiting every other Saturday, it has become a family tradition. My kids have enjoyed terrific (albeit small) events there. I believe because caters to just children, there is a very safe and welcoming feeling when you enter - whereas a regular library may be intimidating to them. This library in particular has fostered in my children an incredible love of reading that will last a life time. It is a real treasure of Palo Alto.
Parks and places I like
The Children's library
It offers a great place to hang out with the kids where I know all of the material will be suitable for them.
Parks and places I like
We have come here for many years, since my kids were babies (now 7 and 10).
Parks and places I like
Love all the non-fiction books for science
Parks and places I like
The Community Center has the Lou Stein theatre, Boy scout house, and Palo Alto Children's Theatre
Parks and places I like
The Girl Scout House is a terrific resource and something that is unique for Palo Alto. This is a living landmark that continually provides opportunities to young girls and women to explore, develop and give back to the community.
Parks and places I like
The Girl Scout House. It provides a central area for meetings/gatherings/trainings/events for our area Girl Scout association. It is very important to us
Parks and places I like
Play areas open to all age levels.
Parks and places I like
The Lee Henry Hoover Girl Scout House is where I was a scout - and it is where I now host my daughter's Girl Scout troop. Rich in history, the LHM House is a special and unique place to build friendships and make wonderful memories of growing up in Palo Alto...All while teaching these young girls to be the leaders of tomorrow!
Parks and places I like
The pool. I wish there was a public pool like this south of Oregon Expressway. There is too much traffic to bother to go to Rinconada. I live in Barron Park. Also I think the tot lot is lovely.
Parks and places I like
The size and variety of recreation there. Good destination for families (library, theater, jr museum, pool, playgrounds)
Parks and places I like
There are many community gems in this area. The Girl Scout House, the Children's Zoo, the pool (especially the children's pool), Lucie Stern Center, the theaters, the children's library. The entire parcel (plus beautiful architecture) is a beautiful, p
Parks and places I like
This is where the Girl Scout house is located. We go there bi-weekly for troop meetings (along with over 100 other troops). Also we have our city-wide troop leaders meetings there.
Parks and places I like
Various
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We love the art center and are looking forward to the library opening up
Parks and places I like
WE LOVE THE GIRL SCOUT HOUSE!!! My Troop of elementary schoolers vote to have our Troop meetings here every year. They feel like it is a space just for girls and that they belong to a larger community of girl leaders.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
1. It would be great to have an online system for reserving tennis courts at Rinconada Park and Hopkins Park. It’s tough to tell friends to meet at a certain time to play when we may end up waiting for an hour for a court to open up.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
2. More open hours
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
3. Become more walker friendly and have a fenced dog run.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
4. cross walk has ‘walk’ at the same time that cars have given to turn left from California Ave to Middlefield. Since kids often ride across the cross walk in front of Jordan, it is very dangerous. They’re hard to see coming quickly.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
5. Cross walk and traffic light should be separated – at least during school commute hours
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
6. Fences in all parks. Especially Pardee. There’s a fence most of the way, then an opening. Makes the rest of the fence useless.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
7. Great place for a dog-friendly time of day
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
8. I think there should be upgrades to rinconada park. More activities and amenities and freshened benches etc. like at the pool.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
9. No dog run. There is certainly space for a dog run. How about near the electrical substation, behind the fire station?
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
10. Opening hours of pool on weekend. 10am sat and sun would be ideal.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
11. Palo Alto needs a saltwater pool. This is a healthy community and a saltwater pool would provide less chemically toxic environment for children and adults. I believe this would also increase business.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
12. Picnic tables are getting very old, trash cans are situated close to some. And play areas need shade, despite the surrounding trees, both play structures get a lot of sun in the afternoon.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
13. Swimming pool is great resource, but should be switched from chlorine to salt for sanitation. This will remove using a toxic substance in a park environment and improve the water quality for swimmers.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
14. Tennis courts can be filthy and nets are not maintained
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
15. There are no dog parks in all of north Palo Alto. How about one at Rinconada (or somewhere else in the north)?
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
16. This is a large multi-use park, but there is no dog run.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
17. very difficult access (feels unsafe when driving into and out of main parking lot. Visibility is poor - fewer parked cars on street (esp. at the exit) would improve visibility. And of course, parking is limited.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
18. Wish there were an off lease option for dogs here.
Rinconada Park / Lucie Stern Park problems/opportunities
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Sarah WALLS Park Parks and places I like California avenue / Sunday farmers market. Bike parking can sometimes be a bit tricky but we love the market.
Sarah WALLS Park Parks and places I like Close to my home walk my dog there
Sarah WALLS Park Parks and places I like I love California Ave. I like that there are useful businesses, like Mollie Stone’s, Blossom Birth, and Massage Therapy Center, and go to restaurants like Joanie’s and Spice 65 all the time. As a family we go to the Farmer’s Market every Sunday as fun
Sarah WALLS Park Parks and places I like Shops and restaurants that I can walk to. Farmer’s market.
Sarah WALLS Park Park problems/opportunities Such this box
Sarah WALLS Park Mark any barriers on the map. Due to 195 Page Mill construction and rush hour traffic in afternoon, this intersection is dangerous for walkers. There was a crosswalk with blinking lights, but for some reason the City hasn’t made the contractor keep the crosswalk’s flashing lights operable.
Scott Park Parks and places I like Like taking the trail to train and Country so I am protected from car traffic;
Scott Park Parks and places I like I really like the bike trail that runs along the railroad from the downtown train station to Churchill. It’s a super convenient, safe, and easy route to downtown, the PAMC, and T&C village. Getting from Churchill to California Ave is fairly simple by bike
Scott Park Parks and places I like Love this little pocket park! Nice greenspace in the middle of some semi-dense housing. It’s just a delightful surprise.
Scott Park Parks and places I like We like our dog here every evening (Addison School)
Scott Park Park problems/opportunities Addison playground is poorly maintained
Scott Park Park problems/opportunities we have walked through Scott park when homeless are urinating there
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. Bikes continuing on Embarradero under rail line most dangerous access spur to Alma.
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. Crossing El Camino by bike is dangerous because of car traffic. Perhaps an underground tunnel somewhere?
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. Am wondering if a soft barrier (orange poles) can be placed to stop cars from cutting over last minute into the crosswalk that pedestrians and bikers use to enter the pedestrian under crossing for Alma. This is a major bike and ped route for Palo students. My son was almost hit there one time after checking for cars when a vehicle passed then switched lanes after the painted barrier.
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. Lack of consistent stop signs. No rhyme or reason to where stop signs are placed on Lincoln. Ever corner should have 4 way stop, this is true for all major east/west streets. But particularly Lincoln, Forest, Hamilton and Addison.
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. No access to bike path on south side of Embarradero Rd.
Scott Park Mark any barriers on the map. There should be stripes painted at this intersection
Seale Park Parks and places I like Despite it’s small, it has everything I need - kids play, sports area, rest area and relatively quiet.
Seale Park Parks and places I like Like the trees in the neighborhood.
Seale Park Parks and places I like Not too big. Kids are within line of sight
Seale Park Parks and places I like Offline school, it has a great playground and is near Green Park so I’ll often go here instead of Green park
Seale Park Parks and places I like Shade, large space, bathroom
Seale Park Parks and places I like The best park bathroom
Seale Park Parks and places I like They have a nice play area for toddlers
Seale Park Parks and places I like Walk from home. Good place for my dog to meet other dogs.
Seale Park Park problems/opportunities Drug, homeless, police monitoring low in south Palo Alto.
Seale Park Park problems/opportunities Open up the path along Matadero Creek to save time getting to parks
Seale Park Park problems/opportunities The water fountain near the playground is blocked. Also, there is a dip in the ground next to the water fountain. These all provide opportunities for standing water. My kids and I sustained multiple mosquito bites there just yesterday.
Seale Park Park problems/opportunities

Seale Park Parks and places I like Walk with dog
Seale Park Park problems/opportunities

Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Parks and places I like Amazing to have these community soccer fields.
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Parks and places I like Good place for clean water to drink
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Parks and places I like Great turf fields with lights.
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Park problems/opportunities Lack of parking available during adult league games if it overlaps with afterschool or club games/practices.
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Pick your (one) favorite park Play ground
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto? run
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto? Single use park. Would like to be available to dog owners when low usage for sports
Stanford-Palo Alto Playing Fields Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto? None
Terman Park Parks and places I like The Terman Park bike path to Los Altos provides a great bike alternative for getting to San Antonio shopping or downtown Los Altos.
Terman Park Park problems/opportunities Terman Park. Needs a running path PREFERABLY A SOFT SURFACE LINED AT CUBBERLY or in Mitchell Park. Not asphalt and definitely NOT CEMENT - that is so hard on knees & vertebrae. Additionally, The current asphalt path is horribly narrow to share as a bike and peds, so folks bike in the grass. Also has huge divots that are dangerous for bikes and strollers. How about widening it to 6-8 feet and make it decomposed granite so it is all weather and easy on the knees?
Terman Park Park problems/opportunities The Terman Park bike path is very uneven making it a bit dangerous to bike or walk on. There are lots of places where the asphalt has buckled.
Terman Park Park problems/opportunities The worst section of the entire city. So dangerous with potholes, lack of grass, uneven ground that I cut the soccer league i was in that played there because I sprained my ankles twice. Opportunity for synthetic turf and lights for multipurpose use.
Terman Park Which parks do you visit in Palo Alto? All the merging lanes cause massive aggression in many drivers and make it unsafe for all. (I understand that you want to fit in more cars at the crossing but maybe these streets should be for the thousands of school kids who use these as their main/primary pathways for commuting.)
Terman Park Mark any barriers on the map. This is a ridiculous free for all before and after school. Why are kids bicycling on the sidewalk? Why are parents blocking driveways with their cars? Get the police out there to police and school teach the kids the rules. If they kids are scared and want to ride on the sidewalk then the crossing guard should ONLY accept kids riding on the correct side of the sidewalk.
Ventura Community Center Parks and places I like Location
Ventura Community Center Park problems/opportunities The restrooms are locked very often.
Ventura Community Center Park problems/opportunities It would be nice to have available restrooms all of the time just like in Seale Park, Hoover Park etc.
Ventura Community Center Mark any barriers on the map. Bicyclists often ride on the sidewalks of El Camino Real, making it dangerous for pedestrians.
Ventura Community Center Mark any barriers on the map. How about a wall light
Weisshaar Park Parks and places I like the view
Weisshaar Park Parks and places I like It’s the hill man.
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| Other | Parks and places I like | Arastradero Preserve allows mt biking, allow for connections between Arastradero Preserve+Foothills Park eventually to Skyline open spaces. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Baylands are beautiful. Paths, parking good. Nice for my outdoor painting classes. interpretive center |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Easy to park and shop, meet friends. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Footsteps Park: hiking, picnicking, weekday dog walks. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Good place to hike |
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| Other | Parks and places I like | Good walk with hills. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Great location for school & community nearby |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Hiking trails. But some trails are not safe - too narrow. Someone fell recently, and I can understand the hazards. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Large grassy area with walkway around it. Good walking for humans and dogs. Has dog park for 2 hrs. weekday mornings. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Metate Trail on Stanford Land - great walk in spring to see the flowers. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | My wife and I like to run with our kids around stanford. We also sometimes picnic there on the quad. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Restrooms (I spend a lot of my workday driving around) |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Shopping, eating, meeting friends. Easy to park. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Stanford University - dog walking, biking, access to educational and cultural events. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | The Dish is great to run. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Walking the Dish at Stanford is a great workout with a nice view. I love that it's paved so that I can take my 4-month old son in a stroller. |
| Other | Parks and places I like | Walking the dish is fun. Уреally wish there was a public restroom there, though. (I know - not a Palo Alto issue.) I tend to bike there, and after a bike ride & hike, a restroom sure would be nice! |
| Other | Parks and places I like | On the open space at Arastradero (and Foothills Park) |
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| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | gate access restricted to pedestrians |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | It’s hard when your biking along the bol path and want to get on to arastradero path, it always takes a long time and doesn’t feel safe. |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | No sidewalk, blind curve, often used by pedestrians including families on weekends |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | Restricted access from residents only policy. Could easily establish an access point for hikers. |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | The bike lanes by Gunn are scary and horrible. Who cares if cars have to wait (sometimes I’ll be in one of them), I go onto the narrow sidewalks by Gunn which is also counterproductive because the traffic is too heavy, aggressive, fast, especially that turn lane right on Miranda to the Veteran’s Hospital. Keep the bike lane on the right and make it NO RIGHT ON RED [or let the bicyclists turn on a sign like that if it’s a scary commuter time of day]. I’m a bicyclist and car user. Thanks. |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | This exit is poorly designed and difficult to navigate |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | Trail ends for bicycles |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | Very difficult to bike - intersection is very hazardous for bicyclists on both directions on Page Mill |
| Other | Mark any barriers on the map | When exiting the Terman Park bike path onto Arastradero, there is no safe way to turn left on Arastradero to be on the correct side of the street when biking towards Gunn/Los Altos Hills |