



Parks & Community Services Department
FAIRVIEW PARK

Fairview Park (FVP) is the City's largest park, hosting 195 acres of open space - natural area, and 13 acres of manicured landscape for a total of 208 acres. Within the 195 acres of open space there are two *Nationally Registered Cultural Resource Historic Sites* and five distinct habitat ecosystems which are home to many rare and endangered plant and animal species. The park acts as a regional gateway to the Santa Ana River Trail, the Orange Coast River Park, and adjacent Orange County Talbert Park, offering users multiple passive recreational opportunities such as picnicking, kite flying, wildlife observation, environmental education, and miles of trails for walking or bicycling. The park also hosts a miniature railroad and model airplane flying field both run by partnering non-profits, and hosts a number of City-wide special events throughout the year.

Management Zones: (6)

- Archaeological sites
- Manicured park and parking area (13 acres [A])
- Transition zones: bluff side stairs; pedestrian bridge across Placentia Ave.; two traffic signal crosswalks (3rd planned); stairway entrance at Canary Drive; Fairview Channel
- Urban edges: Three different residential neighborhoods; Golf Course; regional park; high school; private school; major avenue with planted median
- Restoration sites (see below)
- Diversity of ecosystems (see below)

Ecosystems: (5)

- Grasslands support native grass scrubs including endangered species Southern Tar Plant and Burrowing Owl
- Wetlands are approximately 6 A of ponds (reclaimed water cleaned through system) and 20 A of restored riparian habitat supporting the endangered bird species least Bell's vireo
- Bluff shelf is approximately 30 A of native and invasive plant species
- Vernal pool complex totals 3.93 A supporting 6 rare plants and 2 endangered species of fairy shrimp. It is the last CA coastal vernal pool complex north of San Diego
- Canyon & Coastal Sage Scrub area supports CA Gnatcatcher endangered bird species

Active Restoration Sites: (4)

- Coastal Sage Scrub (18A)
- Riparian Scrub (20A)
- Canyon / Vandersloot Garden (.5 A)
- Vernal pools (2 A)

Strategic Partnerships:

- Non-profits: Orange County Model Engineers; Harbor Soaring Society; Institute for Conservation Research Education; Orange Coast River Park; Audubon Society; Fairview Park Alliance; Banning Ranch Conservancy
- FVP City Steering Committee: residents, Parks & Rec Commissioners, City Council, and City staff

Fairview Park is known to have more bird species than any other Orange County park and is a local favorite for spectacular sunsets!