

# MACE RANCH DRAINAGE CHANNEL



## Overview

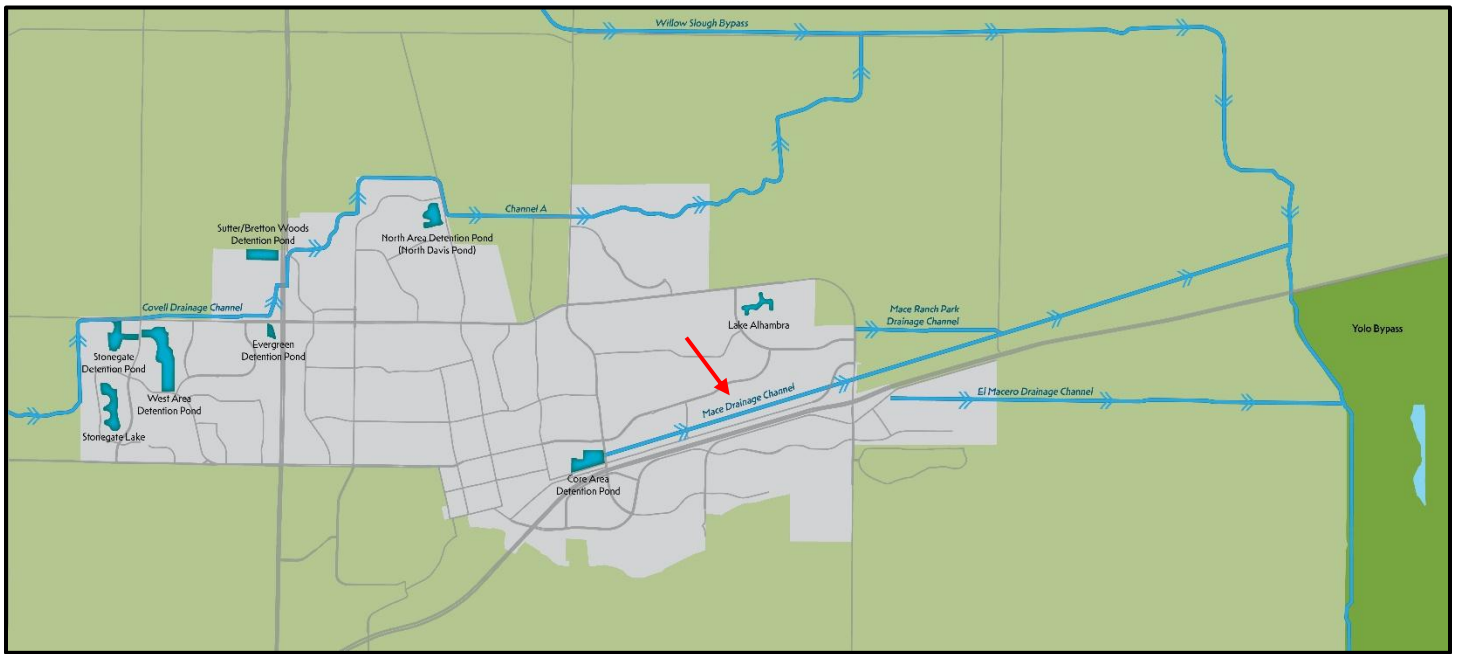
Even though they look like open spaces, the City's drainage channels, detention ponds and wetlands are not maintained by the City's Open Space Program. Instead, they are maintained by the City's Public Works Department because they are part of the City's vast stormwater drainage system that protects the City from flooding. In Davis, these drainage features all have natural soil surfaces and vegetation, which act as a natural water treatment filtration system and provide seasonal habitat for aquatic plants and wildlife. The stormwater flows into the Yolo Bypass and eventually into the Sacramento River and the San Francisco Bay.

The Mace Ranch Drainage Channel is an 8.5-acre stormwater detention channel in South Davis. It is located south of Arroyo Avenue and runs from John Barovetto Park almost all the way to Spafford Avenue. It collects stormwater from East Davis and channels it under Mace Boulevard and out to the Willow Slough Bypass. The channel offers opportunities to enjoy a naturalized waterway within an urban environment.

Key information:

- The channel features a paved trail that runs the length of the channel from John Barovetto Park almost all the way to Spafford Avenue (the channel itself is not publicly accessible), native trees and shrubs, and native grassland habitat.
- Dogs are allowed but only on-leash and on the designated paved trail.
- Bathrooms and potable water are available at John Barovetto Park.
- The channel is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

It is very important to keep the City's stormwater clean. When pollutants, such as dirt, trash, animal waste, oil, gas, fertilizers, pesticides, and metals, get into the City's stormwater, they can harm aquatic plants and animals like those in Mace Ranch Drainage Channel. Only rainwater belongs in a storm drain. A map showing the location of the stormwater detention channel can be found below.



## Things you can do at the Mace Ranch Drainage Channel

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- Take a bike ride.
- View birds and wildlife.
- Walk your dog on leash on the paved trail.

## Rules and Regulations

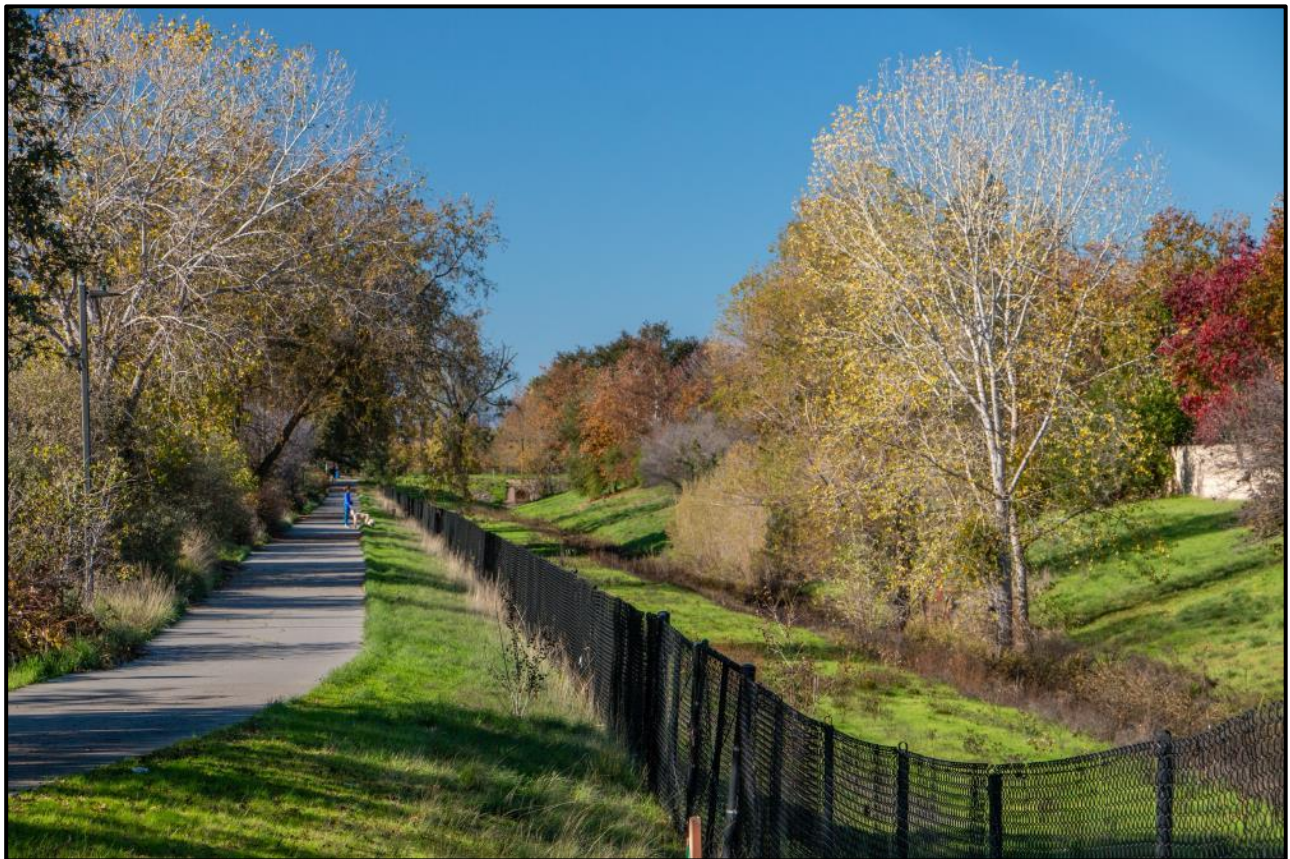
Even though the Mace Ranch Drainage Channel is not an open space area, visitors should treat it like an open space area. Key rules and regulations at this location include:

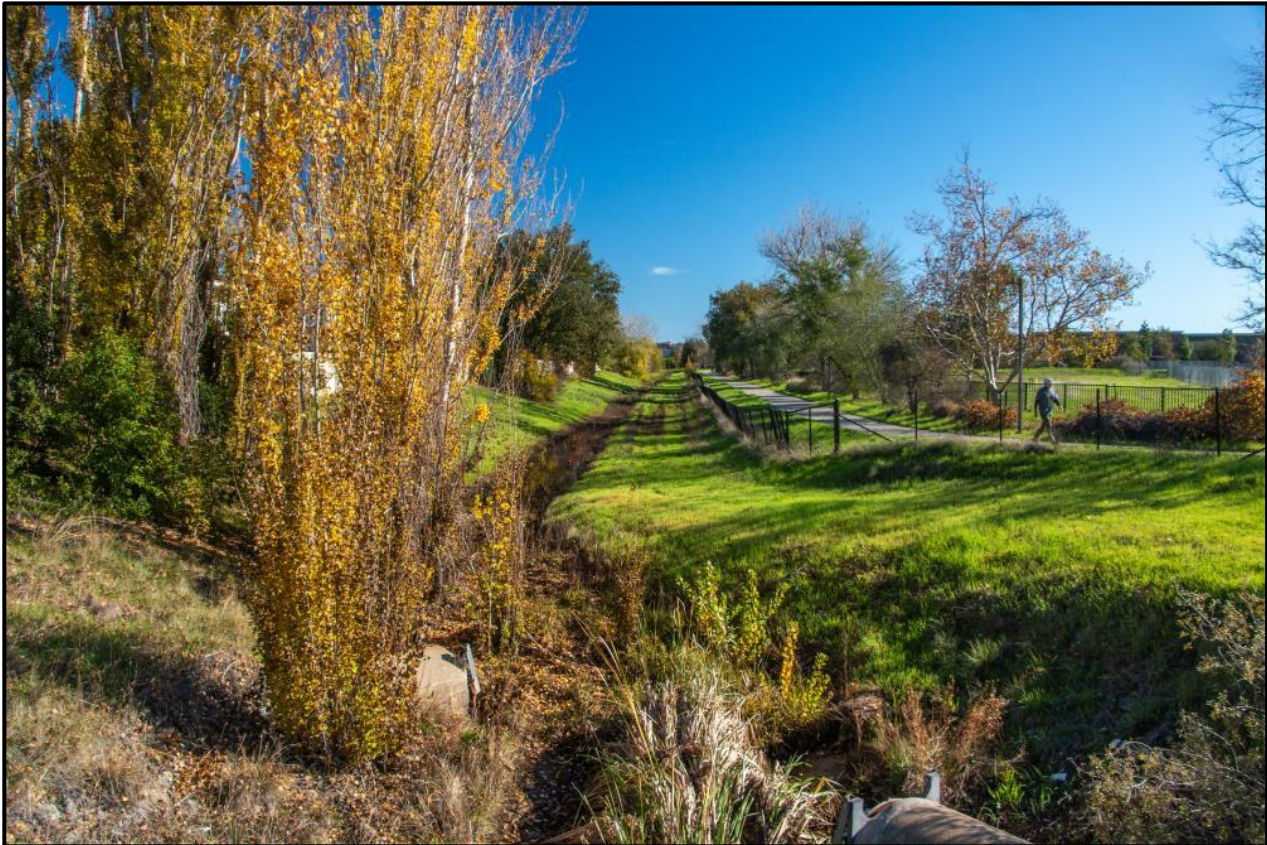
- Dogs are allowed at this location, but they must be leashed and remain on designated trail.
- Dogs are not allowed to be off-leash on the trail or in the habitat areas.
- Pedestrians must stay on designated trail and not walk into the habitat areas.
- Biking is allowed at this location, but only on the paved trail.
- No horseback riding.
- No watercraft.
- No hunting.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No smoking.
- No drones.

## Directions

The Mace Ranch Drainage Channel can be accessed via Arroyo Avenue or through John Barovetto Park. It can also be accessed from Fifth Street, Cousteau Place, Faraday Avenue, the Target parking lot, and from the greenbelt that runs south from Mace Ranch Park.

## Photo Gallery





Photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.