

# MACE RANCH PARK HABITAT AREA



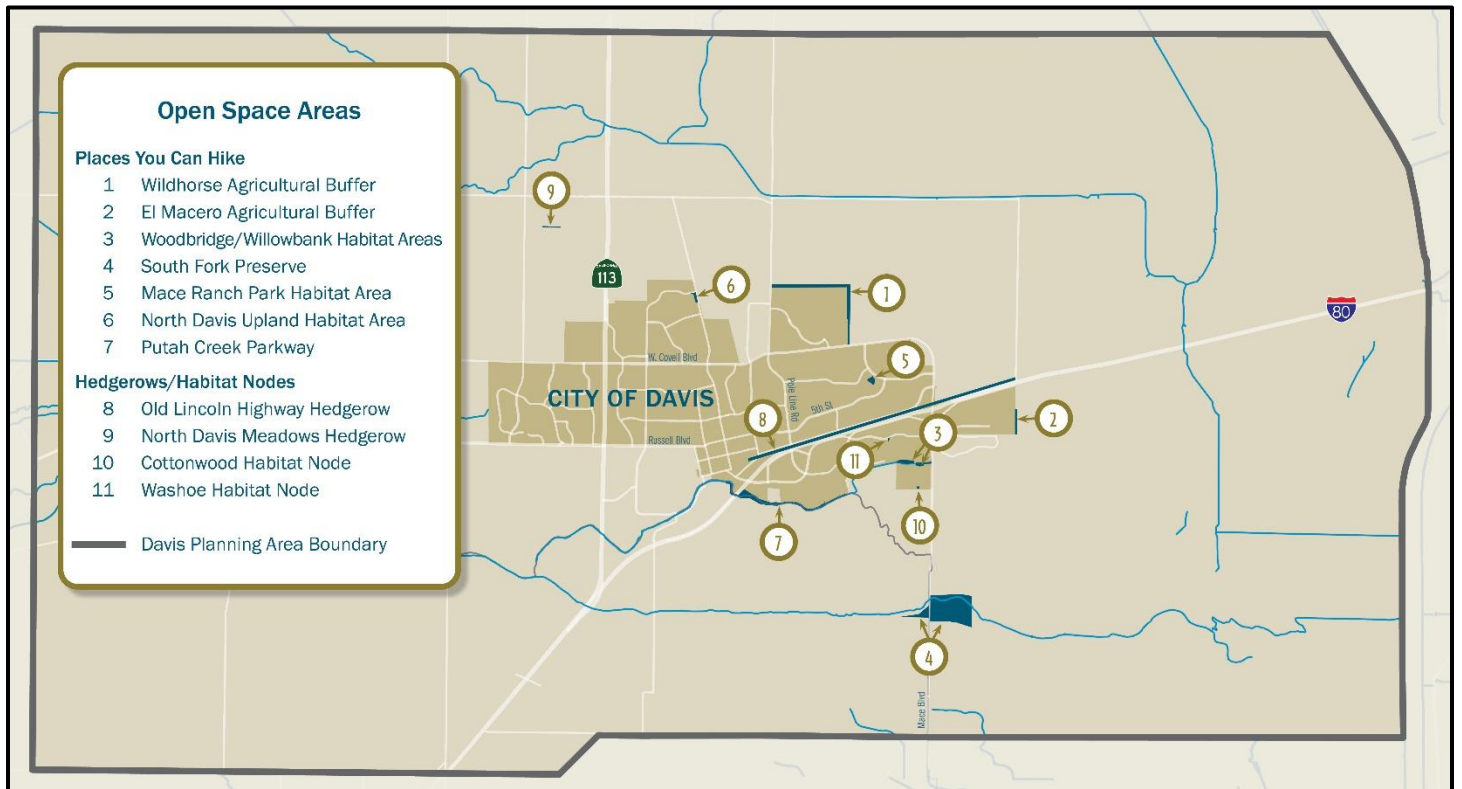
## Overview

The Mace Ranch Park Habitat Area is a little oasis of nature within a traditional park setting. It is four acres and is located within a fenced area in the middle of Mace Ranch Park in East Davis. The City's Open Space staff manage these acres as a habitat area and work to establish a native plant community that can successfully compete with undesirable non-native plant species. The habitat area offers opportunities to enjoy nature within an urban environment.

Key information:

- The habitat area features a packed-dirt pedestrian path, benches, interpretive panels, native shrubs and trees, and native grassland habitat.
- Dogs are not allowed within the habitat area.
- Public access is allowed on designated trails only.
- Biking is not allowed within the habitat area.
- Bathrooms and potable water are not available.
- The habitat area is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

The Mace Ranch Park Habitat Area is part of the City's network of open space areas, maintained by City Open Space staff, as shown on the map below. The cost to maintain these precious areas is paid with funds generated by the City's special open space parcel tax, which was passed by Davis voters in 2000. This parcel tax (commonly known as Measure O) will be up for renewal in 2030. Currently, the parcel tax costs Davis homeowners \$24 per year, and generates about \$700,000 annually for the maintenance and acquisition of open space areas, including the purchase of conservation easements on surrounding farmland.



## Things you can do at Mace Ranch Park Habitat Area

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- View birds and wildlife.
- Learn about the area from the interpretive panels.
- Meditate/commune with nature.

## Rules and Regulations

For a complete list of the rules and regulations that govern City open space areas, please see [Municipal Code Article 27.03](#). Key rules and regulations at this location include:

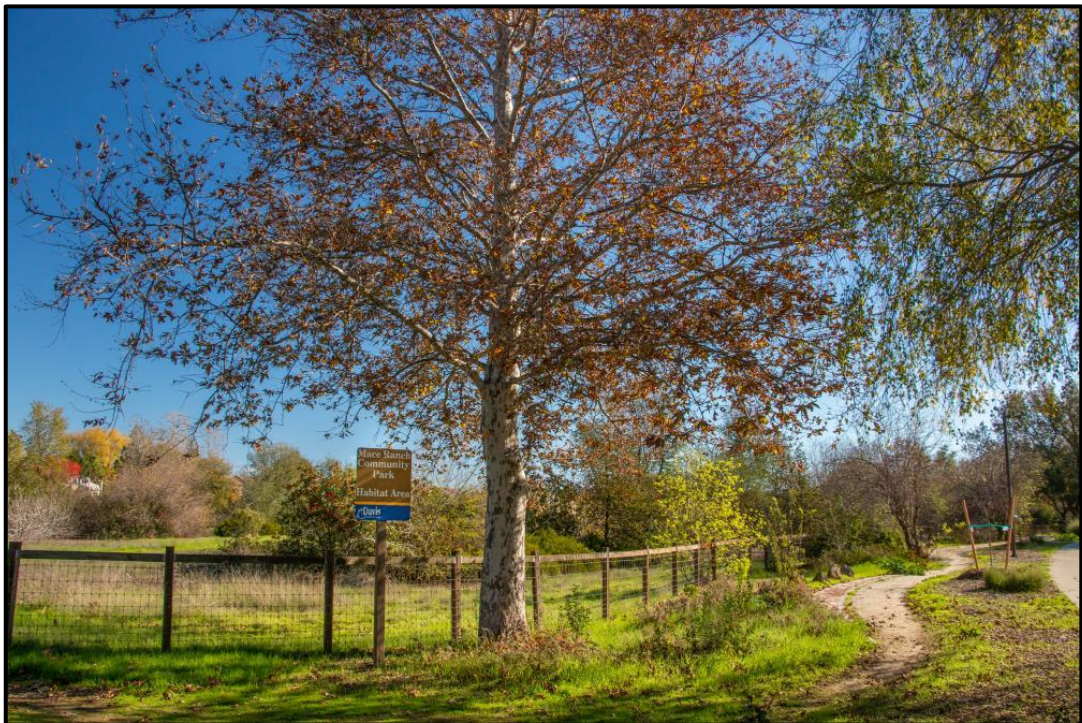
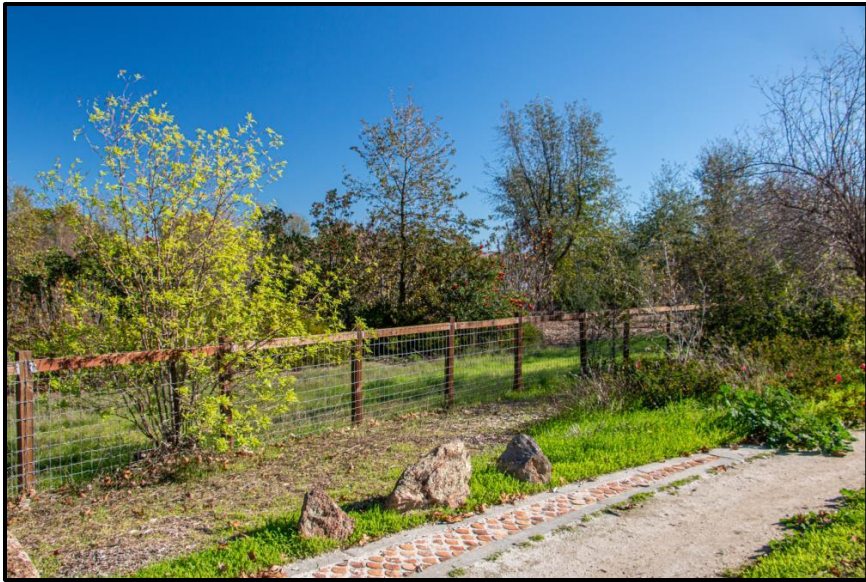
- Dogs are not allowed at this location, even on leash.
- Pedestrians must stay on trails and not walk into the habitat areas.
- No biking.
- No horseback riding.
- No hunting.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No smoking.
- No drones.

## Directions

The Mace Ranch Park Habitat Area can be accessed via anywhere within Mace Ranch Park. There is a free public parking lot available off of Fifth Street, at the entrance to the Explorit Science Center. The habitat area also can be accessed via Alhambra Drive, Via Verde Terrace, or Verona Terrace.

# Photo Gallery





Photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.