

NORTH DAVIS UPLAND HABITAT AREA



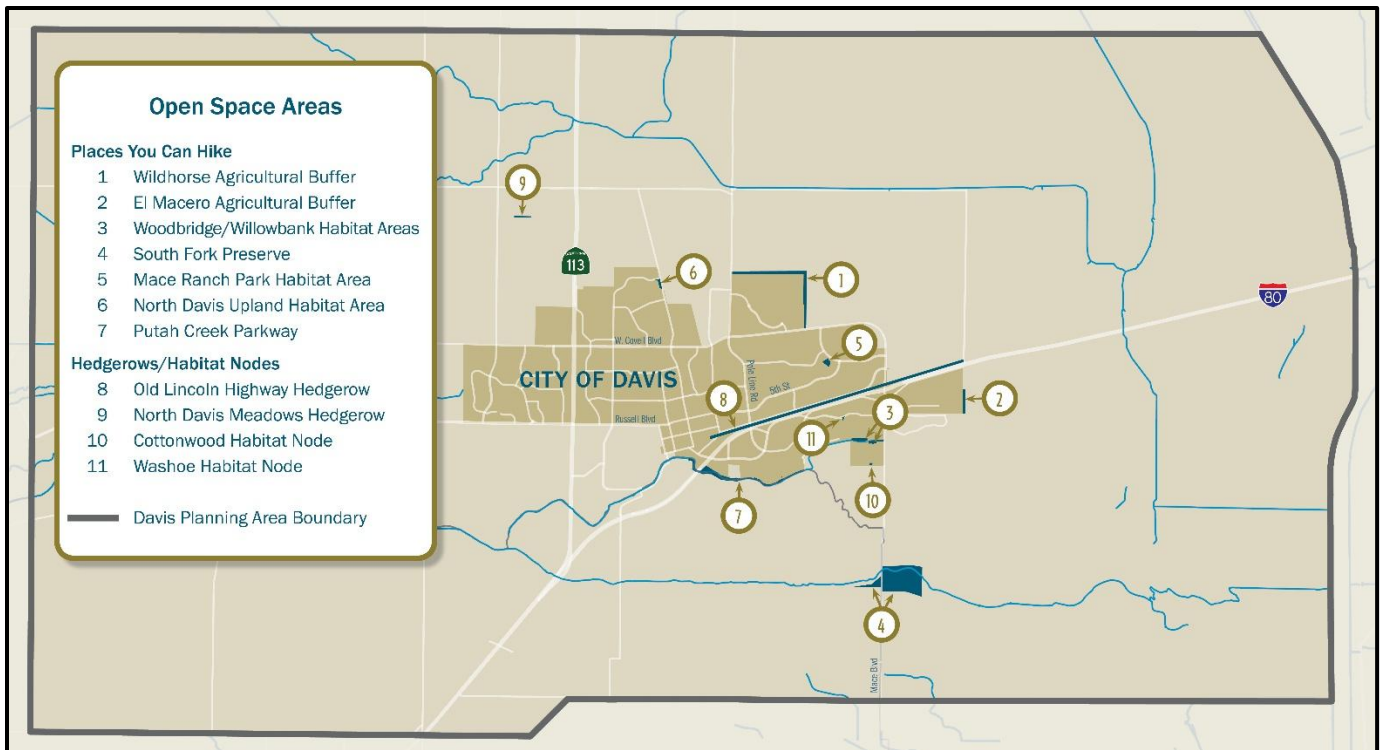
Overview

The North Davis Upland Habitat Area is the City's newest open space area. Just a few years ago, the three-acre site was a flat, vacant lot full of weeds, a remnant piece of land left over from the development of Northstar Park in 1988. At the urging and recommendation of the Friends of North Davis Ponds and the Open Space and Habitat Commission, the City embarked on a five-year habitat restoration project of this site at the intersection of F Street and Anderson Road, which is still in progress. The site was graded to provide small hills and swales and planted with native plants and trees specific to an upland habitat ecosystem. Upland habitat is habitat that grows well on the "high land" near a body of water. 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, bird watch, and enjoy views of the adjacent Julie Partansky Pond, otherwise known as North Davis Pond, which is a stormwater detention pond managed by the City's Public Works Department as part of the City's drainage network.

Key information:

- The habitat area features native shrubs and trees, native grassland habitat, wildflowers, a gravel path accessible to people with disabilities, natural seating areas, pond overlook areas, drainage swales, a native hedgerow, and interpretive panels.
- Dogs are allowed but only on-leash and on the designated gravel trail.
- Public access is allowed on designated trails only.
- Bathrooms and potable water are not available.
- The habitat area is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

The North Davis Upland 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 the North Davis Upland Habitat Area

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- View birds and wildlife.
- Walk your dog on leash on gravel trail.
- Learn about the area from the interpretive panels.
- Meditate/commune with nature.
- Access nature if you are in a wheelchair.

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

Directions

The North Davis Upland Habitat Area can be accessed via Northstar Park and/or Northstar Greenbelt. It also can be accessed via Anderson Road.

Photo Gallery





Some photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.