

PUTAH CREEK PARKWAY



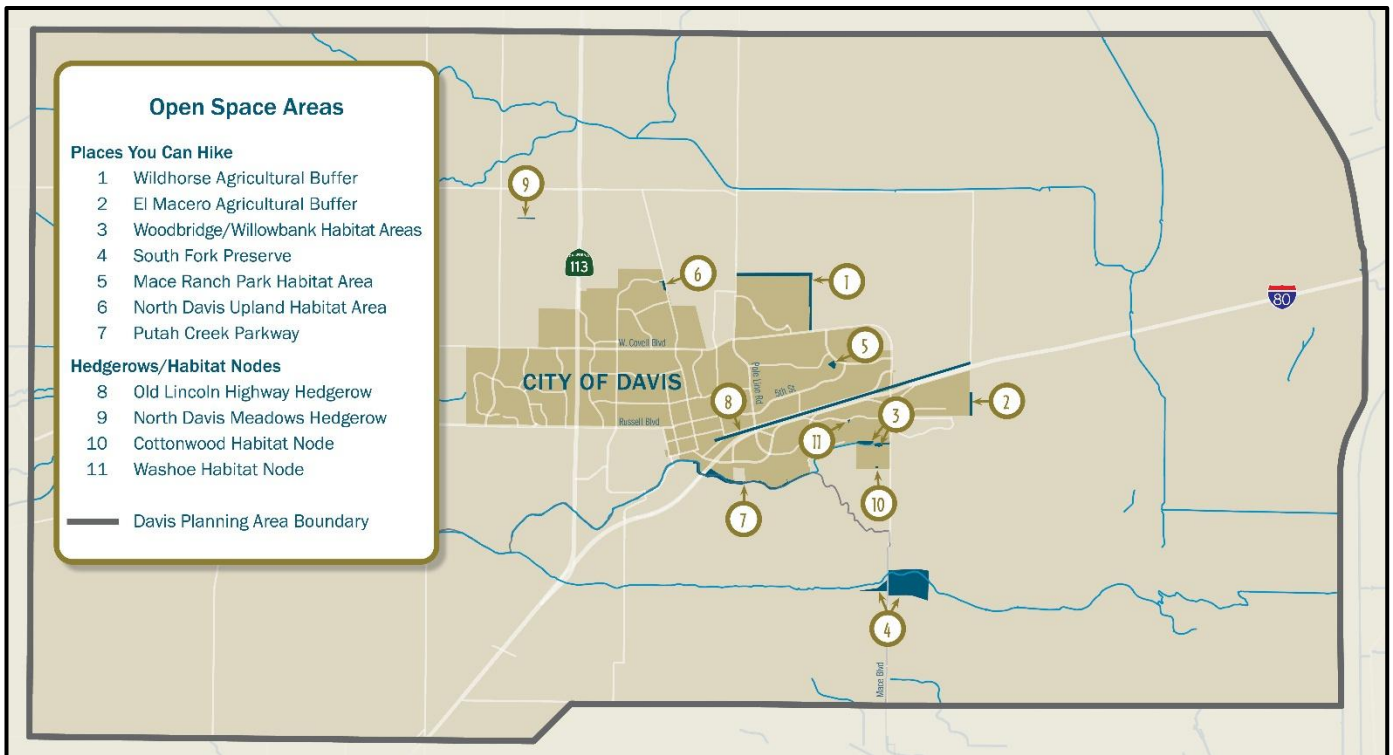
Overview

The Putah Creek Parkway runs along the City's southern border, and is a portion of what is left of the old North Fork of Putah Creek. Beginning in the 1870s, Putah Creek was diverted into the South Fork channel to protect the City of Davis from flooding. The historic natural channel is now the UC Davis Arboretum Waterway, the Putah Creek Parkway, and the old North Fork of Putah Creek that runs between the Willowcreek and Willowbank neighborhoods. The 19-acre parkway no longer serves as a waterway. The City's Open Space staff manage the parkway as a habitat area and work to establish a native plant community that can successfully compete with undesirable non-native plant species. The parkway offers opportunities to enjoy nature within an urban environment and views of the adjacent farmland.

Key information:

- The parkway features a meandering paved bike/pedestrian trail, benches, native shrubs and trees, native grassland habitat, and public art installations.
- Dogs are allowed but only on-leash and on the designated paved trail.
- Biking of all kinds is allowed on the paved trail.
- Public access is allowed on designated trails only.
- Bathrooms and potable water are not available.
- The parkway is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

The Putah Creek Parkway 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 along the Putah Creek Parkway

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- Take a bike ride.
- View birds and wildlife.
- Walk your dog on leash on paved trail.
- Meditate/commune with nature.
- Access nature if you are in a wheelchair.

Rules and Regulations

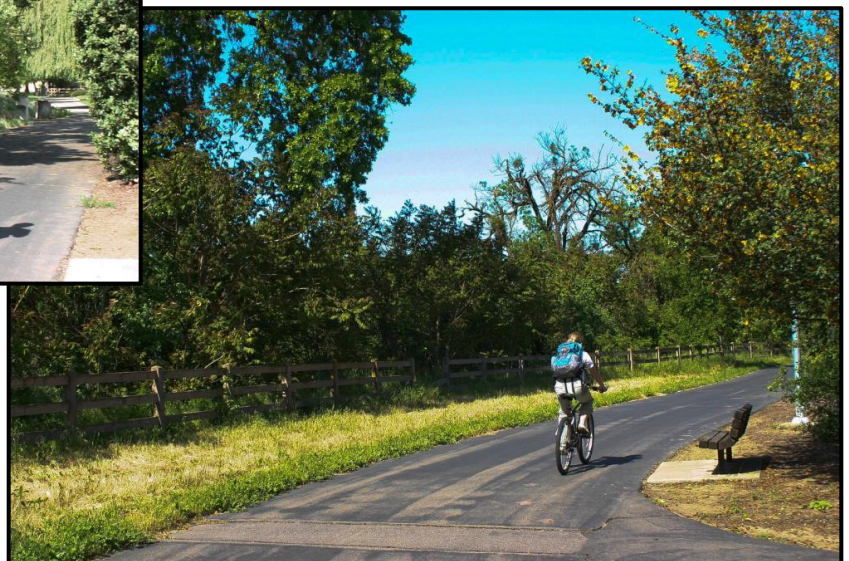
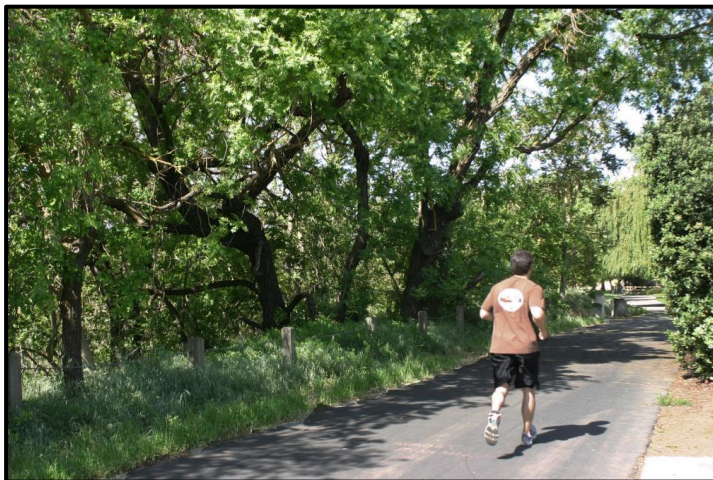
For a complete list of the rules and regulations that govern City open space areas, please see [Municipal Code Article 27.03](#). Key rules and regulations at this location include:

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

Directions

The Putah Creek Parkway can be accessed at several different locations. You can enter via the Walnut Park greenbelt, Mariposa Circle, Sapphire Court, Evergreen Court, Drew Circle, Da Vinci Court, Regatta Court, Jasmine Court, Rialto Lane, or Drummond Avenue. You can also enter via the Arboretum Gateway at the end of D Street and walk east away from the UC Davis Arboretum.

Photo Gallery





Some photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.