

WILDHORSE AGRICULTURAL BUFFER



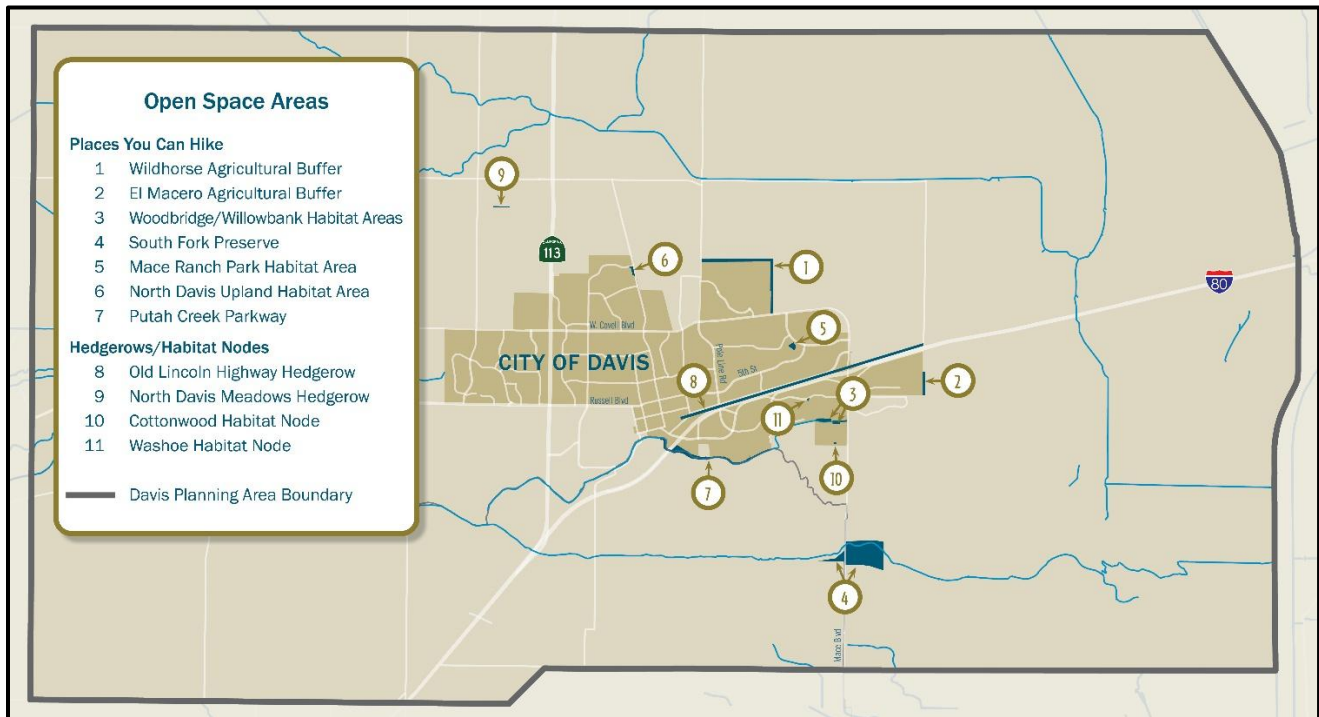
Overview

The Wildhorse Agricultural Buffer is the City's most widely used open space area. It is about 38 acres and runs along the northern and eastern edges of the Wildhorse residential neighborhood in North Davis. The City required the developer of the Wildhorse residential neighborhood to dedicate the land to the City to serve as a buffer between the new development and adjacent farmland, pursuant to [Municipal Code Article 40A.01.050](#). The City's Open Space staff manage the buffer as a habitat area and work to establish a native plant community that can successfully compete with undesirable non-native plant species. The buffer offers opportunities to enjoy nature within an urban environment and views of the adjacent farmland and private golf course.

Key information:

- The buffer features a meandering gravel trail, benches, native shrubs and trees, native grassland habitat, a windrow/hedgerow, a pedestrian bridge over the City's primary stormwater channel, a remnant walnut orchard, and a special two-acre burrowing owl habitat area.
- Dogs are allowed but only on-leash and on the designated gravel trail.
- Public access is prohibited within 100 feet of the adjacent farmland, to protect the public from possible pesticide drift, pursuant to [Municipal Code Article 40A.01.050](#).
- Bathrooms and potable water are not available.
- The agricultural buffer is open seven days a week, from dawn to dusk.

The Wildhorse Agricultural Buffer 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 Wildhorse Agricultural Buffer

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- Go on a leisurely bike ride (no speed bikes or e-bikes).
- View birds and wildlife.
- Walk your dog on leash on gravel trail.
- Ride your horse (allowed at this location only).

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.
- Biking is allowed at this location, but at a slow pace (no speed bikes or e-bikes).
- Horseback riding is allowed at this location only.
- No hunting.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No smoking.
- No drones.

Directions

The agricultural buffer can be accessed at several different locations. You can park at Nuggett Fields and walk north along Pole Line Road until you see the agricultural buffer entrance to your right. You can also enter the Wildhorse residential neighborhood via Wright Boulevard and access the agricultural buffer from Caravaggio Place, Duchamp Street, Bellows Court, or Rockwell Court. The agricultural buffer also can be accessed by foot from Covell Boulevard.

Photo Gallery





Some photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.