

# WOODBIDGE/WILLOWBANK HABITAT AREA



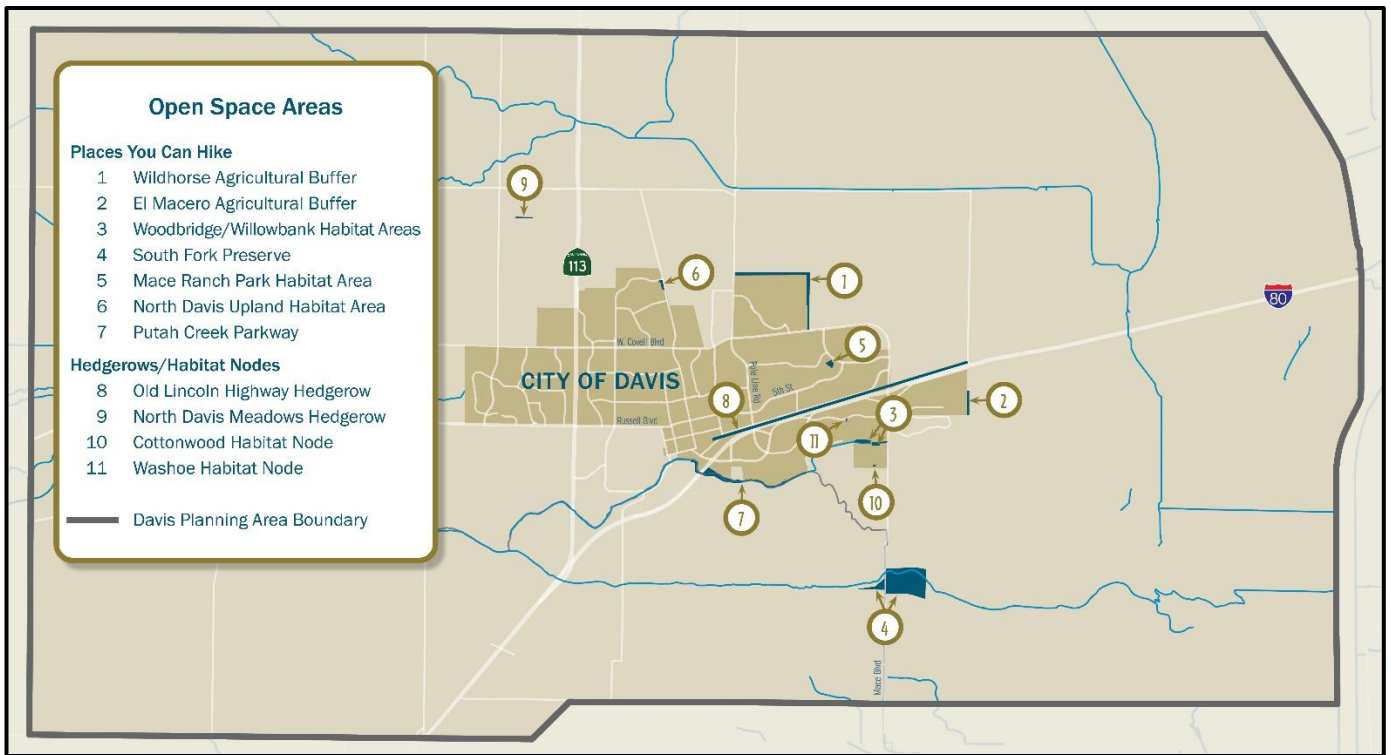
## Overview

The Woodbridge/Willowbank Habitat Area is located along another stretch of what remains of the old North Fork of Putah Creek in South Davis, near Mace Boulevard. The Woodbridge habitat area is about 3.5 acres (on the north bank) and the Willowbank habitat area is about 1.5 acres (on the south bank). Beginning in the 1870s, Putah Creek was diverted into the South Fork channel to prevent the City of Davis from flooding. The historic natural channel is now the UC Davis Arboretum Waterway, the Putah Creek Parkway, and this remnant of riparian habitat. It no longer serves as a waterway. 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 and views of the historic creek channel.

### Key information:

- The habitat area features packed-dirt pedestrian trails, critical fox habitat, interpretive panels, a bridge over the historic creek channel, native trees and shrubs, and native grassland habitat.
- Dogs are allowed but only on-leash and on the designated packed-dirt 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 Woodbridge/Willowbank 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 Woodbridge/Willowbank Habitat Area

- Take a walk/hike/run.
- View birds and wildlife.
- Learn about the area from the interpretive panels.
- Walk your dog on leash on the packed-dirt trails.
- 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 allowed at this location, but they must be leashed and remain on packed-dirt trail.
- Dogs are not allowed to be off-leash on the packed-dirt trail or in the habitat areas.
- Pedestrians must stay on packed-dirt 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).
- No horseback riding.
- No hunting.
- No camping.
- No fires.
- No smoking.
- No drones.

## Directions

The Woodbridge/Willowbank Habitat Area can be accessed via San Marino Park or Willowbank Park in South Davis. San Marino Park is located at the end of San Marino Drive and Willowbank Park is located near the intersection of Hackberry Place and La Paz Drive. The habitat area can also be accessed via Mace Boulevard, Blue Oak Place, Almond Lane, or San Marino Drive.

## Photo Gallery





Some photos courtesy of Marc Hoshovsky.