



Park Category Descriptions

**City of Sacramento
Department of Parks and Recreation
Landscape Architecture Section**

PARK CATEGORY	SIZE IN ACRES	SERVICE RADIUS	DESCRIPTION
Neighborhood Parks	5 to 10 acres	1/2 mile	A park intended to be used primarily by the people who live nearby, within a half-mile radius of the park. Some neighborhood parks are situated adjacent to an elementary school and improvements are usually oriented toward the recreation needs of children. In addition to landscaping, improvements might include a tot lot, adventure area, and unlighted sport fields or courts.
Community Parks	6 to 60 acres	3 miles Several Neighborhoods	A park or facility developed primarily to meet the requirements of a large portion of the City. In addition to neighborhood park elements, a community park might also have restrooms, on-site parking, a community center, a swimming pool, lighted sport fields or courts, and other specialized facilities not found in a neighborhood park. Some of the smaller community parks may be dedicated to one use, and some elements of the park might be leased to community groups.
Regional Parks	75+ acres	Several Communities within 1/2 hour drive time.	A park which has been developed with a wide range of improvements usually not found in local neighborhood or community facilities to meet the needs of the entire City population. In addition to neighborhood and community park type improvements, the facility may include a golf course, marina, amusement area, zoo, nature area, and other amenities. Some elements in the park may be under lease to community groups.
Open Space/ Parkways	Varies	N/A	Open spaces are natural areas that are set aside primarily to enhance the City's environmental amenities. Recreational use of these sites is usually limited to natural features of the sites, such as native plant communities or wildlife habitat. Parkways are similar to open space areas because they also have a limited recreational uses. They are used primarily as corridors for pedestrians and bicyclists, linking residential to schools, parks and commercial developments. Parkway are typically linear and narrow, may be situated along an existing corridor such as a railroad line roadway, waterway, or other common corridor.